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NEWS FROM KEY WEST.

ARRIVAL OF THE M'CLELLAN.

Arrival of Refugees from Florida.

Sales of Prize Vessels and Cargoes.

OVER A MILLION DOLLARS NETTED,

&c., &c., &c.

The United States steamship McClellan, Alfred G. Gray commanding, left the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi on the 16th inst., at half past two A. M., touched at Pensacola and Key West, left Key West on the morning of the 19th, and arrived at the bar yesterday morning at quarter to six. On the 19th, at ten A. M., and thirty seven miles to the east of Key West, spoke steamship Roanoke, from New York, bound to Havana.

The McClellan brings a mail and the following passengers:—Mrs. Hooper, Mr. Hildreth, Captain Wm. O. Rogers, U. S. N.; Captain Trall, Colonel Mansfield, Captain Lyons, Lieutenant Hall, Lieutenant Ellis, Lieutenant Auchmuty, and thirty six soldiers.

Our thanks are due to the purser of the McClellan for prompt delivery of papers and letters.

Our Key West Correspondence.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 16, 1863.

Arrival of Refugees from Tampa, Florida—Desolation and Destitution in Florida—Heavy Rains and High Spring Tides at Key West—King Fish in Season—Narrow Escape of the Herald Correspondent—Arrivals and Departures—Sales of Prize Vessels and Their Cargoes, &c.

This morning the sloop Rosalie, a tender in the United States naval service, brought in Acting Master's Mate ...

Date 1863.	Vessel.	Sale of Vessel.	Sale of Cargo.	Total.
June 22	Schr. Ripple	1,588 00	43 00	1,631 00
July 25 & Oct 21	Schr. Rebekah	1,630 00	78 24	1,[illegible]
August 5	Schr. Rapid	—	3 00	3 00
Aug. 15 & 20	Scr. Southern Rights	209 50	251 74	[illegible]
Aug 24 & Oct 31	Sloop Southern Star	[illegible]	25 12	[illegible]
July 6	Schr. Statesman	410 00	—	410 00
Aug. 15 & 20	Schr. Shot	200 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
July 6	Schr. Star	800 00	—	800 00
July 28	Schr. —, bbls. sugar	—	457 [illegible]	457 [illegible]
June 17	Schr. Theresa, No. 2	918 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oct. 19	Schr. Last Trial	200 00	84 96	284 96
June 15	Boat, name unkn.	25 00	—	[illegible]
July 25 & 31 & Aug. 20	Steamer Union	9,600 00	738 10	10,338 10
Sept. 10 and Oct. 31	Str. Alice Vivian	—	140 88	140 88
Aug. 1, 12 & 20 & Sept. 14	Steamer Victor	—	700 62	700 62
Nov. 16	Schr. Velant	510 00	829 61	1,339 61
July 11	Sloop John Wesley	—	6 75	6 75
June 8, 9 & 25	Sch. John Williams	—	129 [illegible]	129 [illegible]
Sept. 5	General Worth	605 00	67 23	672 23
Total		$48,405 00	24,579 71	72,984 71

RECAPITULATION.

Sales of vessels	$48,405 00
Sales of cargoes	24,579 71
Total sales at Key West from June 5 to Dec. 1	$72,984 71
Sales of vessels and cargoes at New York, captured by the East Gulf blockading squadron	1,474,266 58
Grand total	$1,547,251 00

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 18, 1863.

Expedition of Refugees to the Florida Coast—They Expect to be Joined by Union Men There—Another Change of Weather—Northers, &c.

Since writing my letter of the 16th inst. very little of interest has transpired. Yesterday afternoon a detachment of refugees, twenty-four in number, accompanied by six privates and a sergeant of the Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, under the command of Lieutenant Myers, left here on the schooner Nonpareil for Charlotte's Harbor, on the Florida shore. The refugees consist of men who have from time to time made their escape from the prevailing tyranny of the rebel government and have taken refuge in our lines, and now the twenty-four men already mentioned have gone over to the mainland as soldiers in the service of the United States ...

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

Religious Services at the Churches.

The Christmas festival this year will be celebrated with all the accustomed enthusiasm, socially and religiously. At the various churches great preparations have been made, and it is expected that the music and the eloquence will be unusually brilliant. As to the Christmas dinners, it is unnecessary to make any remarks. The appearance of the city yesterday, particularly in the vicinity of the markets, was suggestive enough of what will take place. The purchase of turkeys at Washington market was tremendous.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT TRINITY CHURCH.

The usual Christmas eve services for the children of the Sabbath school in connection with Trinity church were held at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. Old Trinity was decked out with the utmost beauty. We can scarcely say that the decorations surpassed those of past years, because they reminded us forcibly of similar scenes in other years. But the interior appearance of the grand old edifice was most brilliant, and it would be found very difficult to excel any of the evergreen adornments which bloomed everywhere. Some of the young pine trees were of rare beauty, and there was no stint to them. The columns of the church were festooned with fine pines, intermingled with holly and laurel. The aisles were arched with splendid hemlocks of large growth. The organ loft was splendidly decorated with great masses of green boughs, with occasional jets of gas glimmering between. In the chancel the designs were very fine. A large Gothic arch formed the centre piece, resting on four columns, bordered with laurel and hemlock. A large golden star—emblematic of the star of Bethlehem—shone forth from the green festoons with dazzling lustre and brilliancy. On purple laurels over the communion is the inscription, "Unto us a child is born—unto us a son is given." The inside of the communion is also splendidly dressed with laurels and pine leaves. On the table is the representation of a lamb bearing a cross, formed of white immortelles, encircled with green and gold. The services were very interesting ...

... at this famous church. The services will begin at half-past ten o'clock in the morning by a grand mass, prepared in Berge's best style.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Morgan, rector of St. Thomas' church, will preach the Christmas sermon. The edifice has been most beautifully decorated with evergreens, balsam trees and other appropriate ornamentation.

OTHER CHURCHES.

At St. Luke's church, St. Ann's church for deaf mutes, St. Paul's chapel, St. John's chapel, and the Church of the Incarnation, the exercises will also be of a most interesting character.

THE CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE.

The Christian Alliance Sunday school, Rev. Mr. Coe, holds its annual festival at half-past ten o'clock, at Hope chapel, 720 Broadway. The singing of pieces appropriate to the day, addresses and the bestowing of presents will constitute the order of exercises.

The Prize Ring.

AN IRISH REPORT OF THE GREAT BATTLE BETWEEN HEENAN AND KING.

[London (Dec. 10—Night) correspondence of the Dublin Freeman's Journal.]

At length—after much disappointment, considerable development of the Dodge faculty, and not a little titillating anxiety—has the great encounter for the tempting stake of £2,000 come off. It would be impossible to give you, say, even the faintest or the meagrest micrographic description, as this necessarily must be, of the intense excitement—an excitement frequently on the verge of becoming demonstrative—which pervaded all classes, from the white gloved, eau de cologned and exquisitely togged sprig of the upper ten thousand to the roughest rough of the costermonger or of the unquestionable portion of the vast community of this leviathan city, for the last few days, anent this great international tourney of the manly art of self defence, or, as our plucky old Prem. classically calls it, "the Isthmian Science."

On Monday the excitement, observable particularly at the various resorts of the acknowledged "guides and prophets" of the fancy, but more especially at Owen Swift's "Horse Shoe," Richardson's "Blue Anchor," Jem Mace's "Old King John," and at the more pretentious sporting depots in the fashionable quarters of the West End was great. Towards evening it rose to high pressure point, and continued steaming and rising, and expanding and increasing, throughout the greater part of ...

THE PRESIDENCY.

Proceedings of the Conservative Union National Committee.

Nomination of General McClellan for President, and Wm. B. Campbell, of Tennessee, for Vice President.

Speeches of Amos Kendall, Gen. Norton, Hamilton Pope and Others,

&c., &c., &c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1863.

The Conservative Union National Committee again met to-day at the Continental Hotel, when a series of preliminary resolutions were adopted, and held a session this evening at Independence Hall. The President, Hon. Amos Kendall, of Washington, was in the chair, and Dr. R. F. Stevens, of New York, was Secretary.

Mr. KENDALL, on taking the chair, reviewed the origin and history of nullification and secession. The secessionists of the South and the abolitionists of the North, he maintained, act practically in concert to prevent a reconstruction of the Union. He declared that he was not a peace democrat, for the reason that the men who now control the destinies of the South did not seek redress for violated Southern rights, but sought the destruction of the Union; and democrats erred in supposing that peace could be restored until the military power of the South was broken. When that is done the people there will rush to the standard of the Union with an alacrity they never before exhibited. He argued that there was danger to the liberties of the people in the arbitrary arrest and imprisonment of citizens without a trial, and that there were infringements made by the present administration upon the fundamental principles of the constitution, by ...

... ment men, who were forced to leave before the evening convention.

In response to a question by one of the committee, who subsequently explained that he asked it for the purpose of showing that General McClellan had no agency or instrumentality in creating the present movement, the President, Mr. Kendall, replied that he claimed McClellan as the property of this country, and that he would support him because he loved him, although he did not know him personally, and because the hand of power had been put upon him to destroy him.

The Secretary responded in substance, that the movement was inaugurated by conservative men who esteemed General McClellan for his great worth, and without consulting that brave and able soldier.

The following original song was sung by Mr. Holden, of New York, who was warmly applauded when the name of McClellan was sung:—

A voice o'er the land goes forth;
'Tis the voice of a nation free—
To the East and the West and the South and the North,
Rolling on like the sounding sea—
'Tis the voice of the free,
'Tis the shout of the true,
As they swear by the flag of the red, white and blue
To be true to the Union forever.
Do you hear what it saith,
By the bugle's breath?
To be true to the Union forever.

When royalty, vanquished, fled,
And the patriot's power was born,
We surrounded our flag o'er the graves of our dead,
And the first Union oath was sworn.
'Twas the oath of the free,
'Twas the oath of the true,
And they swore by the flag of the red, white and blue
To be true to the Union forever.

Rhode Island the clarion blew,
And Connecticut swelled the blast;
Pennsylvania re-echoed to Jersey's halloo,
And to Georgia the war cry passed.
'Twas the cry of the free,
'Twas the shout of the true,
As they swore by the flag of the red, white and blue
To be true to the Union forever.
Do you hear what it saith,
By the bugle's breath?
To be true to the Union forever.

Virginia the crown o'erthrew,
Massachusetts the sceptre broke;
From the brave Carolinas the trump went abroad,
And New York, with a shout, awoke.
'Twas the shout of the free,
'Twas the shout of the true,
As they swore by the flag of the red, white and blue
To be true to the Union forever.
Do you hear what it saith,
By the bugle's breath?
To be true to the Union forever.

From Maryland's blossoming vales;
From New Hampshire's abode of snows;
From the Green Mountain peaks and the Delaware dales,
Rolling onward, the shout arose.

... clubs throughout the country.

NEWS FROM ARKANSAS.

Large Quantities of Cotton, Corn and Pork Secured for the Army.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 23, 1863.

Colonel Williams, commanding at Roseville, Arkansas, has secured for the government, baled and in process of ginning, some two hundred bales of rebel cotton, and has within reach of camp one hundred thousand bushels of corn, and is gathering one thousand bushels per day. He can put up, if salt can be procured, two hundred thousand pounds of pork. All of this is being done by the regiment, with the assistance of one extra train, besides running two mills and hunting bushwhackers generally, several of whom have been captured.

News from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23, 1863.

The steamers Moses Taylor and St. Louis sailed for Panama to-day. The former has six hundred and fifty passengers, the latter four hundred passengers and $1,260,000 in treasure for England and $334,000 for New York.

The Pirate Alabama.

BOSTON, Dec. 4, 1863.

A private letter, dated Madrid, Oct. 27, says:—Shaw & Co. have received orders from Cape Town to advance 10,000 rupees to the Alabama, and they have a large number of letters awaiting her arrival, now daily expected. She will meet with a very cool reception from the Europeans here.

The United States Steamer Lehigh.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24, 1863.

The report by the Star of the South about the Lehigh is erroneous. She merely got aground and sprung aleak, rendering it necessary for her to go to Port Royal for repairs. She was not injured by a rebel battery.

Interesting from Richmond.

REPORTS OF ESCAPED PRISONERS—UNION WOMEN IN RICHMOND ASSISTING THE ESCAPE—UNION SENTIMENT IN THE REBEL CAPITAL—THE FEDERAL PRISONERS SUFFERING GREAT HARDSHIPS—THIRTY-FIVE DEATHS DAILY, ETC.

[From the Washington Republican, Dec. 24.]

This morning two enterprising soldiers of the United States army, who have been in durance at Richmond, reported themselves at the Provost Marshal's office, dressed in gray clothes made by Union ladies at Richmond from "secesh" blankets. Their names are H. S. Howard, of Scammon's brigade, and John R. McCullough, of the First Wisconsin infantry.

Howard had been employed by the rebels in charge of Alabama Hospital No. 27, and McCullough was also employed as a hospital steward. They ascertained that if they could escape they would receive assistance from the Union people of Richmond, who are more numerous than is generally supposed.

McCullough feigned to be dead, and was carried out in a coffin, and Howard passed the guard in the night. Their escape was effected on the 8th instant, and they remained in the city until the 17th. Some friends took charge of the men, and suits were made for them out of rebel blankets, and passes were furnished which enabled them to get out of the city.

These persons report that our men are suffering great hardships in the rebel prisons and hospitals. The rations of the rebels themselves are very scanty, consisting of a piece of corn bread and semi-occasionally a piece of bacon.

They represent that the average daily number of deaths of our prisoners in the hospitals in that city is thirty five.

The Army.

Captain Wm. W. Badger, late of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth regiment New York Volunteers, who was dismissed the service in August last for criticising his superior officers, has been honorably restored to the service. Captain Badger has obtained a transfer to the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth regiment New York Volunteers, the "Ironsides," now at New Orleans, and he is the only officer of his late regiment left in the service.

Wreck of the Steamer North.

BOSTON, Dec. 24, 1863.

The iron steamer North, from Pembroke, Me., bound to Boston, went ashore yesterday near Owl's Head. She has bilged and is full of water. The captain and crew were saved. She was loaded with iron and wood.

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INTERESTING FROM BELIZE.

Our Belize Correspondence.

BELIZE, HONDURAS, NOV. 16, 1863.

Arrival of Colonel Fremont—Mr. Tassin To Be Sent—Sinking of Spanish Steamship, &c.

Since my last I have no news from abroad, either English or Spanish colonies, from Panama, Sacred Island, or having arrived at this port. They are the John Dudgeon, with some more and better kinds of cotton, the barque Ann Dudley and only five bales of cotton, one the barque, with two bales of cotton, and the schooner Ann.

Our merchants are in receipt of a letter from Colonel Fremont, informing them that the private opinion of Mr. Lincoln is that it is not the time for such a project as dealing or assuming in cotton. Remember that great mistake was in going too soon to Mexico, and it appears to be to yet the business. This fear not arise from any fear of the French, but from the unsettled state of the Mexican nation, which would not allow the cotton to be moved in safety, and "as long as cotton is that place it is a bone of contention between the Mexicans and the French." Colonel Fremont, the "Pathfinder" of the Rocky Mountains, Mr. Lincoln's friend

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES.

A NUMBER OF WELL RECOMMENDED GERMAN females want situations as cooks, chambermaids and laundresses, nurses, girls for general housework, &c., at Mrs. LOWE'S German Institute, 17 Stanton st., near Bowery.

WANTED—BY AN AMERICAN LADY, A SITUATION as housekeeper in a hotel, institution or private family; is capable of taking the entire charge of house and servants. Best city references. Address A. E. W., 32 Bond st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

AN EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER DESIRES A SITUATION in some respectable wholesale or manufacturing house; has had eleven years' experience and refers to former employers in this city. Address G. E., Herald office.

A DRUG CLERK, WELL ACQUAINTED WITH FIRST class retail and prescription trade, may address box 714 New York Post office, stating terms and references.

COLLECTING.—PERSONS IN WANT OF THE SERvices of a collector, whose time is but partially occupied, can be accommodated by addressing S. P., box 139 Herald office.

DAVID ALLEN, GENTLEMAN'S NURSE, NO. 532 Pacific st., between Washington and Grand avenues, Brooklyn. David Allen has had experience in different hospitals, both in Europe and America, in the surgical and medical departments, and feels confident of giving general satisfaction. Best of reference given.

WANTED—A SITUATION IN A WHOLESALE house, by a young man, as assistant bookkeeper or entry clerk; is a graduate of Eastman's Business College. Address E. C. P., Herald office.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A YOUNG MAN, 23 years old, who has had several years' experience in a large foreign and domestic commission house. Best references given. Address for three days box 4,162 Post office.

HELP WANTED—FEMALES.

A COLORED WOMAN WANTED—TO DO GENERAL housework in a small family. Apply at 97 South 3d st., Williamsburg.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED SHIRT CUTTERS. APply to P. & H. Lewis, 404 Broadway.

HELP WANTED—MALES.

ALL AGENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO BE IMPOSED upon should be careful of the small swindling concerns who try to imitate our celebrated and valuable Stationery Prize Packages, so long and favorably known to the public. Some of these impudent scamps go so far as to copy our daily advertisements, offer our premiums (which they cannot give), &c, &c. To show agents that their promised premiums are merely a dodge, we will present a case of 100 of our best packages to any one who can obtain a premium watch from any of these imitators without first paying them from $10 to $20 in cash. We require nothing of the kind. We present every agent "free" with a beautiful gold or solid silver Watch, hunting case, genuine English movements, and warranted a "correct timekeeper," which he can select himself from hundreds of different styles, which we always have on hand, or have it sent with his first order if unable to call on us. We ask agents to call on those imitators, examine their goods, premiums, &c., first, then visit us, and you will see the great advantage on our side. We guarantee smart agents can make $15 per day selling our great, new and wonderful extra large size "Holiday Prize Packages," each of which contains more fine writing materials, Yankee notions, fancy goods, presents of rich jewelry, &c., "than any other half dozen packages ever sold." If you cannot call send for our great new Circular for 1864, containing extra premium inducements, free. S. C. RICKARDS & CO., 102 Nassau street, N. Y., "only original," largest and oldest Prize Package house in the world.

AGENTS, AND ALL WHO DESIRE PROFITABLE employment, should engage in the sale of our justly celebrated Prize Stationery Packets, containing fine Writing Paper, Envelopes, handsome Jewelry, Novelties for the Holidays, &c.; retail for only 25 cents—worth five times as much. Our packets contain more stationery, of a better quality, and sell more rapidly than any others ever put up. The profits are immense, and, in addition, all agents receive as a present from us a most beautiful gold or silver watch, perfect time keepers, worth ten times as much as the composition watches given by other parties with their inferior packets. Every one who is desirous of selling a good article will please call and examine our packets, or send for our new circular. G. S. HASKINS & CO., 36 Beekman street, N. Y. The oldest and only original prize package house in the United States.

ABLE SEAMEN, ORDINARY SEAMEN AND LANDSmen, also firemen and coalpassers for the United States Navy. The highest cash bounty paid for volunteers. Runners and agents liberally dealt with. Apply at 164 Maiden lane. Capt. P. McGINITY.

AGENTS, LOOK TO YOUR INTERESTS—CALL AND examine something urgently needed by every person, or ten samples will be sent free by mail for 20 cents, that retail for $2, by R. L. WOLCOTT, 170 Chatham square, N. Y.

AGENTS WANTED—$5 POSITIVELY MADE FROM 25 cents. The method is new, and is the best ever offered to agents. Sent on receipt of 25 cents. Address J. S. Pride, Meriden, Conn.

AT 310 FOURTH AVE.—WANTED, BY DAY & COBB, a boy, who has previously been in a real estate office preferred. Will pay in accordance with merits, and must give very satisfactory references.

AN EXPERIENCED BARKEEPER WANTED.—INquire from 10 to 12 at 33 Howard st.

CARMAN WANTED—A GOOD STEADY MAN, TO DRIVE horse and cart. Only one wanted who is temperate and will take good care of his horse. Apply Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at 201 Washington st.

DRUG CLERK WANTED.—APPLY TO H. P. MONAghan, corner 5th st. and Fordham av., Morrisania; take Third avenue cars.

DRUG CLERK WANTED.—ONE WHO HAS BEEN two or three years in a city retail store. Apply at 68 Carmine st., corner of Bedford.

NOTICE TO EMIGRANTS.—ENGLISHMEN, IRISHmen, Scotchmen, Frenchmen, Germans, and of all other nations arriving in New York, and without employment, are requested to call and register their names for employment, free of charge, and receive all information, at 428 Broadway, between Canal and Howard streets.

PERFUMER.—A FIRST CLASS PRACTICAL PERfumer can find employment, with liberal salary and steady work. Address Phalon & Son, New York, with name and address, stating where formerly employed and how long in the business. No recipes necessary; only a practical and thorough knowledge of the business.

TOBACCO STRIPPERS WANTED—WOMEN AND girls. Apply at 209 Water st.

UNITED STATES NAVY.—WANTED FOR THE FAST steamers Peterhoff and Metacomet, going on blockade, seamen, coal passers, landsmen, green hands and boys; ship for one year. Also a few firemen. 174 and 188 South street, Naval Rendezvous.

WANTED—FOR A FAST STEAMER GOING ON THE blockade, seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen, coal passers and boys, ship for one year.
THOS. PEEL & CO., 125 Roosevelt st.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED ENTRY CLERK, IN a dry goods jobbing house. Address F. O., box 2,822 Post office, with references.

WANTED—AT THE WASHINGTON HOTEL, NO. 1 Broadway, a steward; one well acquainted with cooking and carving all kinds of meats. Good references required.

WANTED—A STOUT, ACTIVE BOY, FROM 17 TO 20, who has been in a dry goods store and is willing to work and make himself useful, and can bring good recommendations; must reside with his parents. Apply to E. S. Mills & Co., 381 Broadway.

WANTED—A WAITER MAN, EITHER SCOTCH, English or German, in a private family residing a short distance from the city; one who is faithful and attentive will have a good and permanent situation. Address O. P., Herald office, with name and references.

WANTED—A BOY BETWEEN 10 AND 15 YEARS old in a law office. Must write a good hand. Address, in handwriting of applicant, W. B., box 83 N. Y. Post office.

WANTED—A SALESMAN IN A WHOLESALE LIquor house. To a competent man, with an established trade, a liberal salary will be given. Address E. Russell, Herald office, stating salary, amount of trade and its locality.

WANTED—A MAN WHO THOROUGHLY UNDERstands running a circular saw. Apply at 221 West 28th st., between 8th and 9th aves.

WANTED—A COACHMAN, ONE WHO WOULD make himself useful on a country seat, near New York. Apply to G. Reynaud, 19 Nassau st., first floor, rear office.

WANTED—AN ASSISTANT GARDNER. NONE NEED apply unless they can show good testimonials as to their character, and knowledge as to the treatment of greenhouse and stove plants. Apply to Thos. Richardson, 15 Broadway.

WANTED—ONE OR TWO GOOD SALESMEN IN THE millinery business, who can influence from $25,000 to $50,000 trade; permanent situation and good wages. Also wanted, a good bookkeeper, well recommended. Address box 4,357 Post office, N. Y.

WANTED—A GOOD, STEADY BOY OR YOUNG MAN, to wait on tables and open oysters and make himself generally useful; no Sunday work. Apply at northeast corner 13th st. and Broadway.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE BOY, ABOUT 15 YEARS of age; good city reference. Apply at 639½ Broadway.

WANTED—A YOUNG MAN TO ATTEND A BAR AND take charge of a billiard table. Apply to Gregory, 81st st., corner 2d ave.

10,000 AGENTS WANTED—FOR THE NEW HOLIday Package.—Soldiers and sutlers can sell them by the million. Circulars free, and a sample sent for 25 cents. Address J. L. G. Pierpont, 42½ Broadway, New York, care of Miller's Post office, box 90.

THE TRADES.

BRASS FINISHER WANTED; A GOOD WORKMAN. Apply to Smith & Butler, 183 William st.

BRICKLAYERS.—FIFTEEN FIRST CLASS WORKmen, for outside work, wanted immediately; large wages paid. Apply to Mr. Hamilton, room 6, 132 Broadway.

ORNAMENTAL PAINTER AND JAPANNER WANTed.—Apply immediately to Baker & Smith, 180 and 182 Centre st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A PHOTOGRAPHIC colorist who has had practice in some of the best galleries. Address Colorist, box 143 Herald office.

TO ENGRAVERS.—AN ENGRAVER JUST LANDED from England, wants work on steel or copper plate in fine work. Address to P. K., care of Dr. E. Leclerc, 492 Broome street, New York.

WANTED—IN A MERCHANT TAILORING ESTABlishment, on Broadway, a young man, as cutter, to take charge of the pantaloon and vest department. Address, with references, S. T. B., Herald office.

WANTED—A GOOD PLUMBER. CALL AT 65 FULton ave. or 49 Prince st., Brooklyn. L. W. LEARNY.

FURNITURE.

AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF HOUSEHOLD FURniture for sale, property of a family leaving the city.—The subscriber, relinquishing housekeeping, will sell, in lots to suit purchasers, all the Furniture contained in his residence, 113 West Twenty-third street, near Sixth avenue. Pianoforte, Etageres, Bookcase, Paintings, Statuary, Bronzes, Drawing Room Suits, covered with brocatel; Brocade and Lace Curtains, rosewood Chamber Furniture, en suite; Buffet, Extension Table, China, Glass and Silver Ware. M. MIDDLETON.

BEDROOM SUITS OF ENAMELLED FURNITURE, IN all colors, of warranted manufacture; also solid chestnut Chamber Suits, plain and ornamental, at H. F. FARRINGTON'S, 365 Canal street, opposite Wooster. Established in 1848.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ADOLPH CALMANN & CO., MANUFACTURING PERfumers and Chemists, dealers in all kinds of Essential Oils, Fruit and other flavoring Essences, have removed to 97 William street, opposite Platt street, New York.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.—THE SEVENTEENTH convention of this fraternity will be held in this city on the 28th, 29th and 30th inst. Members are requested to meet at the hall of the Nu Chapter, No. 813 Broadway, on Monday next, at 3 o'clock. The literary exercises will take place at the Church of the Divine Unity (Rev. Dr. Chapin), No. 548 Broadway, on Tuesday, 29th inst., at 7½ o'clock P. M. Oration by Rev. John Milton Holmes, of the Phi. Poem by Arthur M. Lee, Esq., of the Nu. Annual supper on the evening of the 30th, at Delmonico's.

FAIR AND FESTIVAL—BEING HELD BY THE LAdies of the South Baptist Church, at 1,115 Broadway, opposite Worth Monument, will continue open Christmas day and evening.

FATHER MATHEW U. B. T. A. B. SOCIETY.—THE members of the above society are requested to assemble at their hall, 501 Broome street, this day (Friday), Dec. 25, at one o'clock, with regalia and crape on the left arm, to attend the funeral of our late brother member, Thomas Harris. By order of SYLVESTER BYRNE, President.
PATRICK LAWN, Rec. Sec.

MASONIC.—THE MEMBERS OF MECHANIC LODGE, No. 31, F. and A. M., are hereby notified that a special communication will be held at their rooms, corner of Fourth and Greene streets, to-day (Friday), Dec. 25, at 1½ o'clock P. M., for work. By order. CHAS. C. J. BECK, W. M.
JOHN HANNA, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

IRVING HALL.—SERVICE FOR YOUNG MEN AND strangers.—The Rev. W. H. Milburn will lecture on Sunday evening, December 27, at 7½ o'clock, in Irving Hall. Seats free.

REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH, TWENTY-FIRST street, near Sixth avenue.—Please God there will be Divine Service and a Sermon, by the pastor, Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, in this church, this (Christmas) morning, at 11 o'clock.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

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The mails for the United Kingdom and the Continent, via Queenstown and Liverpool, per steamer City of Washington, will close at this office on Saturday, the 26th day of December, at 12½ o'clock P. M., and at the up town stations as follows:—
Stations A and B, at 11¼ A. M.
Stations C and D, at 11½ A. M.
Stations E, F and G, at 11 A. M.
ABRAM WAKEMAN, Postmaster.

PERSONAL.

CLARENCE MERTON—YOUR TELEGRAM TO F— received. All well and send love. Write to Carrie Cincinnati. Richmond Va., papers please copy.

HELEN—WOULD I WERE WITH THEE, FOR A merry Christmas, as of old. Will as you request, unless you hear next week as the last. Keep good heart; 'tis brightest before day; I see now its dawn. I abide by what I have before said; is it enough, or do you wish otherwise? Answer th's Sunday. As ever thine, KATE.

INFORMATION WANTED—OF MARY CORCORAN, who arrived by City of Washington; will be thankfully received by her husband, Patrick Corcoran, at Castle Garden.

IF G. B. PALMER WILL STATE WHERE AND WHEN he can be seen down town, he will much oblige F. B. L.

LAST CAB.—"NO NAME" IS ANXIOUS TO SEE YOU. Was twice at the hotel, but —. Please address Carlo di Lorrotti, station C.

MISSING FROM HOME—ON MONDAY, THE 21ST inst., a Boy 12 years old, light hair and complexion, had on a black cloth cap trimmed with velvet, light Kentucky jean jacket and pants and long boots; answers to the name of John Breen or Donohu. Any information of his whereabouts will be gratefully received by his distracted parents. Address Mr. Richard Breen, corner of North Sixth and First streets, Williamsburg, L. I.

THE BALL SEASON.

DRY GOODS' CLERKS'
EARLY CLOSING ASSOCIATION
BALL,
CITY ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 1864.
Tickets can be had at all the retail dry goods stores throughout the city.
N. B.—The floor will be under the superintendence of PROFESSOR J. H. MACPHERSON.

SEVENTH ANNUAL BALL
OF
THE NEW YORK CALEDONIAN CLUB,
TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 1864,
AT
IRVING HALL, corner of Irving place and Fifteenth st.
Tickets .... One Dollar.

THE FIRST GRAND ANNUAL BALL OF THE Waiters' Protective and Benevolent Association will take place at the City Assembly Rooms, 446 Broadway, on Wednesday evening, January 13, 1864. Ample preparations have been made to make it one of the most social, as well as the best conducted, balls of the season. Tickets $1.
WILLIAM McDERMOTT, President.
JOHN BYRNE, Secretary.
BERNARD TIERNEY, Treasurer.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—A PACKAGE OF HANDKERCHIEFS; THE owner can have them by applying at the Woodlawn, Sixth avenue, from 4 to 8 o'clock.

FOUND—IN ONE OF THE DOORS OF THE ACADEMY of Music, one Bracelet. Description and expenses will return it to its owner, at 263½ Broadway, room No. 6.

FOUND—ON MONDAY, THE 21ST INST., A SUM OF money; supposed to have been lost by a lady. Address box 2,777 Post office.

LOST—ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, A LADY'S GOLD Watch, green enamelled back, set with small diamonds and chain attached. A suitable reward will be paid on delivery at 62 Fifth avenue.

LOST—ON SIXTH AVENUE, BETWEEN EIGHTEENTH and Twenty-second streets, a Portemonnaie, containing about $40, belonging to a laboring woman who cannot afford to lose it. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at 17 East Thirty-first street.

LOST—TUESDAY EVENING, BETWEEN THIRTYsecond street and Madison square, on Fifth avenue, a black Astrakhan Fur Cape. The finder, by bringing it to the Clarendon Hotel, Fourth avenue, will be liberally rewarded.

LOST—IN GOING DOWN TOWN, IN A BROADWAY and Twenty third street stage to South street and through South street to Broad, and returning by a Broadway and Eighth street stage, a Pocketbook, containing a Sum of Money and a Key of a Safe. Whoever will return it to Nos. 30 and 31 Centre market, will be liberally rewarded.

LOST—A MINK COLLAR, ON WEDNESDAY EVENing, 16th inst., at the Erie Railroad depot, Jersey City. The finder, who gave his name as Cramer, will be suitably rewarded upon returning the same to 111 Broadway, room 100, New York.

LOST—ON THURSDAY, IN MADISON AVENUE stage, in going from Twenty eighth street to the Metropolitan Hotel, a lady's Wallet, with her name upon it containing a hundred dollar bill, with five or six tens. The finder will receive a reward of forty dollars by returning it to 28 East Twenty-eighth street.

LOST—ON BOARD A SOUTH FERRY BOAT TO Brooklyn, on the evening of the 23d inst., a small Account Book, of no value to any one except the owner. Whoever will return it either to the office of the South ferry or to 180 Merchants' row, West Washington market, shall be liberally rewarded.

REWARDS.

$5 REWARD.—LOST, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, a lady's Portemonnaie, containing a Garnet Ring, two Gold Studs and some money. The above reward will be given on leaving the articles at No. 5 East Twentieth street.

$5 REWARD.—LOST, ON THE 23D INST., BETWEEN Worth and Dey sts., on or near Broadway, a Pocketbook, containing $22 and some change. It is the earnings of a hard working mechanic. The above reward will be paid, with the thanks of the owner.
W. S. RODIER, 126 and 128 Duane street.

$5 REWARD WILL BE PAID TO ANY ONE WHO will return to 53 Wall street or 119 Madison avenue a Black and Tan Terrier, lost in William street. Had on a chain collar, with a flat iron ring attached.

$5 REWARD.—LOST, ON MONDAY, 21ST INST., A Black Lace Veil. The finder will receive the above reward by applying at 81 West Thirteenth street.

$5 REWARD.—LOST, THURSDAY, AT NOON, IN going from pier No. 3 North river to pier 27 East river, a Pocketbook, with Letters and Receipts, belonging to Capt. P. G. Lubker. The finder will return it to 108 South street.

$5 REWARD.—LOST, IN BOND STREET, DECEMber 24, a small King Charles Spaniel Dog, slightly lame in hind foot. By returning it to 12 Bond street the above reward will be given.

$5 REWARD.—LOST, ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, in the vicinity of Washington market, a large white and orange colored Setter Dog; answers to the name of Ranz. Any person returning it to G. Ludeling, 164 Greenwich street will receive the above reward.

$10 REWARD.—LOST, ON THURSDAY, NEAR THE corner of Wall and South streets, a roll of bills, containing $50. The finder will receive the above reward by leaving it at 106 Water street.

$10 REWARD.—LOST, ON WEDNESDAY LAST, AT the California steamship wharf, a Portemonnaie, containing a small sum of Money (which the finder may keep), a Check for $300 (the payment of which has been stopped), sundry Notes and Memoranda, and a small Safe Key, of no value except to the owner. The above reward will be paid and no questions asked on the return of the above to A. W. Griswold, 62 Wall street.

$50 REWARD.—LOST, ON SUNDAY LAST, A DIAmond Cluster Pin, either in the city of Brooklyn or in the town of New Lots. The finder, on returning the same to John D. Snedeker, 141 Livingston street, Brooklyn, will receive the above reward.

$75 REWARD.—NOTICE TO PAWNBROKERS.—Stolen, from 87 West Twenty-fifth street, within the present month, eight new linen Sheets, with other wearing apparel; the top hemming is wider than the bottom. $25 reward will be paid for the return of the above goods, or $75 for the goods and the arrest and conviction of the thief, supposed to be a colored woman. E. WOOD.

WINES, LIQUORS, &C.

BOTTLED ALE, PORTER AND CHAMPAIGNE CIder.—Country merchants, hotel keepers, sutlers and shippers, wanting to purchase Ale, Porter and Cider, foreign or domestic, are solicited to call and examine my extensive stock of several thousand dozen, ready to ship at a moment's notice. Ten thousand dozen empty bottles wanted.
PIERCE FREEMAN, 62 and 63 Liberty street.

GOOD BOURBON 30 CENTS—FINEST 60 CENTS. Good Sherry and Madeira 40 cents; finest 75 cents. Old Port, 55 cents; finest $1. Cognac Brandy 55 cents; finest $1 50. Old Jamaica Rum 60 cents per bottle. Retailed at importer's prices. Bordeaux Wine Company Vaults, No. 90 Fulton street, northeast corner of William street.

IRISH WHISKEY, BEST PERSSE'S, IN PUNCHEONS, in Bond, imported and for sale by C. E. HABICHT, 127 Pearl street.

POTHEEN WHISKEY (PURE BARLEY MALT) AT THE small distillery, corner North Tenth and Second streets, Williamsburg, in quantities to suit at $3 a gallon, 52 O. P. to the trade. Delivered in New York or Brooklyn.
D. E. DE VERE.

THE MILITARY.

A SELECT SQUAD OF MEN IS IMMEDIATELY DEsired by a United States Recruiting officer, for a first class artillery regiment stationed at Washington, and a similar squad for a cavalry regiment, doing patrol duty at Baltimore. These men will receive the largest bounties authorized by law, and will not be sent to Riker's Island. For particulars apply at the law office of R. B. Westbrook, Dey street, one door from Broadway.

AVOID THE DRAFT—$852 BOUNTY, $325 CASH.—Persons wishing to enlist and escape the draft while these large bounties are paid, may be enrolled in any regiment, infantry, cavalry or artillery, and secure the bounty before the draft, and have a furlough granted them to remain with their families until after the holidays. Agents liberally dealt with by J. W. WELSH & F. D. SHULTS, authorized recruiting officers, 147 Forsyth street, basement.

ADVICE FREE TO RECRUITS.—PERSONS DESIRING to enlist, and who would protect themselves from imposition and fraud, are invited to call on the subscriber, at his office, 200 Broadway, where he will impart to them all needful information, and, if desired, enlist them in any regiment now in the field, and also secure to them all the bounties (cash in hand) they are now entitled to by law, free of charge. D. T. WASHBURN, Counsellor at Law,
No. 200 Broadway.

A SPECIALTY.—UNITED STATES LAW OFFICE.—To furnish volunteers with reliable information as to the only safe way to secure cash in hand the highest bounties without discount, in New York or other States; to make known the location of regiments in the most desirable branches of the service; to protect the inexperienced from imposition, both before and after enlistment, and to attend promptly to the claims of soldiers and their relatives, explaining and securing all their legal rights, and redressing their wrongs. Advice free, as ample compensation is made by government. R. B. WESTBROOK, Counsellor-at-Law, Dey street, one door from Broadway.

COMPANY K, 96TH REGIMENT N. Y. S. N. G., 1ST regiment Phoenix Brigade.—The members of the above company will meet on Saturday evening, December 26, at 7½ o'clock in their Armory, corner of Seventh street and Hall place, to arrange for the funeral of the late Gen. Corcoran. By order.
CHARLES U. O'CONNELL, Captain Commanding.
JAMES O'SULLIVAN, Orderly.

COMPANY H, NINETY-SIXTH REGIMENT, N. Y. S. N. G., First regiment Phoenix brigade.—The members of the above company will meet on Saturday evening, Dec. 26, at 7½ o'clock, in the armory, corner of Seventh street and Hall place, to arrange for the funeral of the late Gen. Corcoran. By order.
JOHN H. GLEESEN, Captain Commanding.
PATRICK GAYNOR, Orderly.

COLORED MEN, ATTENTION!—VOLUNTEERS WANTed immediately—$777 bounty, $300 cash in hand and no drawbacks at settlement. Agents and runners bringing men will be liberally and promptly paid. Apply at the United States General Volunteer Enlistment Office, No. 428 Broadway, between Canal and Howard streets, New York.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST REGIMENT, PHOENIX brigade, Ninety sixth regiment, N. Y. S. N. G., Dec. 24, 1863.—General Orders—No. 1.—Commandants of companies are hereby notified to have their commands in readiness to parade at 8 o'clock A. M. Sunday, December 27, from Second regiment armory, Seventh street, to attend the funeral of the late Brigadier General Michael Corcoran. By order of JOHN MAHONY, Colonel Commanding.
CHARLES J. QUINN, Acting Adjutant.

NEW YORK COUNTY VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE,
OFFICE 240 BROADWAY.
30,000 VOLUNTEERS WANTED.
The following are the pecuniary inducements offered:—
COUNTY BOUNTY, cash down $300
STATE BOUNTY $75
UNITED STATES BOUNTY to new recruits 302
UNITED STATES BOUNTY addition to veteran soldiers 100
— 477
Total $777
Applications to be made personally at the office of the committee.
GEORGE OPDYKE, Mayor,
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller,
ORISON BLUNT, Supervisor,
ELIJAH F. PURDY, Supervisor,
WILLIAM R. STEWART, Supervisor,
WILLIAM M. TWEED, Supervisor,
} County Committee.
ORISON BLUNT, Chairman.
NEW YORK, Nov. 16, 1863.

PERSONS HESITATING WHETHER TO ENLIST IN the best regiments of this and other States and get all the highest bounties, are specially invited to call on D. R. MOULTON, Esq., Counsellor at Law, 92 Broadway, near Wall street.

RECRUITS WANTED.—$300 (£60) CASH DOWN AND other bounties amounting in all to $610. Six good men wanted to fill up the quota of a town in a neighboring State. Board and travelling expenses liberally paid. N. B.—No agent need apply. Apply to Mr. SPENCER, 278 Greenwich street, near Spring street.

SOLDIERS DISCHARGED ON ACCOUNT OF WOUNDS received in battle can now get their $100 bounty, by applying to or sending their discharge and Post office address to J. WILSON LUCKEY, Army and Navy Agents, Nos. 8 and 10 Pine street.

UNION VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS,
OFFICE 84 AND 86 FULTON STREET.
$400 will be paid, cash down, immediately after passing the surgeon.
INFORMATION GIVEN
TO
THOSE WISHING TO VOLUNTEER.
A RARE CHANCE
FOR
CANALMEN AND OTHERS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

VOLUNTEERS.—MEN DESIRING TO ENLIST, WILL do well to call and see us at No. 310 Greenwich street, Exchange Hotel, before enlisting elsewhere, as we want a few more men for the country, and will pay more cash in hand than any other parties in the city. Come hear our offers.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.—THE HIGHEST CASH bounties paid by KNAPP & CONKLIN, 93 West street, up stairs. N. B.—All persons bringing recruits to this office will be paid the highest premium.

VOLUNTEERS—AND OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE Army and Navy desiring his services, are invited to call on D. R. MOULTON, Esq., Counsellor at Law, 92 Broadway, near Wall street. Advice and information given without charge. Prize claims, back pay and bounty secured.

VOLUNTEERS, ATTENTION.—MEN WANTED IMMEdiately for cavalry, artillery and infantry; cash in hand; no drawbacks; $777 bounty; men can rely on being fairly treated and on being paid what they agree for. All information as to selection of regiments and other matters relative to the service given, without charge. Apply at the United States General Volunteer Enlistment Office, 428 Broadway, between Canal and Howard streets, N. Y.

WANTED—FIFTEEN RECRUITS, TO FINISH THE quota of a country town. $460 cash paid immediately and more by instalments. Ten days' furlough given immediately and aid sent to families. Apply at store 193 Pearl street. ELMORE.

1ST UNITED STATES HUSSARS.
Office 23 Montgomery street, Jersey City.
BOUNTIES.
Married veterans $818
Unmarried veterans 818
New recruits (married) 702
New recruits (single) 602
$2 to $6 per month State pay.
JOSEPH L. TOPHAM, Recruiting officer.

10TH REGIMENT, N. Y. N. G.—THE MEMBERS OF this regiment who were engaged in the late riots will assemble at Mozart Hall, Nos. 59 and 61 Columbia street, to receive their pay, on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 6½ o'clock P. M. By order of the
LIEUTENANT COLONEL, Commanding.
J. C. RODENBERGER, Adjutant.

16TH NEW YORK ARTILLERY.—RECRUITS WANTed.—$1,052 bounty, $400 cash in hand, $225 on being mustered into service; $427 in monthly instalments of $23 each. Only good men wanted for my own command, for which I pay $100 bounty myself and a premium of $25 to each recruit himself. Beware of sharpers, and my late office, 4 and 6 New Chambers street. J. J. RINE,
Late Capt. of Engineers, and Capt. 16th N. Y. Artillery.
New headquarters No. 52 Greenwich street, New York.

$400.—CANAL MEN, CANAL MEN, COME FORward and get the large bounty offered. Apply immediately at Patterson House, 75 Cortlandt street.

$400.—VOLUNTEERS WANTED—WE WILL PAY $400 each, cash in hand, as soon as accepted. Apply to BARKER & SPENCER, 74 Cortlandt street, up stairs.

$777 BOUNTY—VOLUNTEERS, ATTENTION.—$350 to $450 cash in hand, and privilege of selecting some of the finest regiments in the service. Men will get all they agree for and good treatment. Agents and runners bringing men will be liberally and promptly paid. Apply at the United States General Volunteer Enlistment Office, 428 Broadway, between Canal and Howard streets, New York.

$852 BOUNTY.—A GRAND CHANCE IS NOW OPEN for young men desirous of entering the army as volunteers, by applying at 476 Broadway, between Broome and Grand streets. All wishing to enter the service will find in me a man and soldier, who will guarantee all volunteering to procure them the largest bounties and relief made for their families. I have seen much service, and know well what a soldier's rights and comforts are, and I will pledge myself to have them secured to every man serving under me. Men wishing to join my regiment will do well to see myself or Major Bowles, at the above office. Having connected myself with the Sixty-third regiment New York Volunteers—a regiment so well known for its valor in the field—and there being seven companies in that regiment to fill up, it will be to the advantage of those wishing promotion to join my regiment. See myself or the Major of the regiment.
MICHAEL MURPHY, Col. King's Co. Vols.
Lieut. Col. Sixty-third reg't, N. Y. V.

$852 BOUNTY—$400 CASH FOR THE COUNTRY and $300 for the city. Any person bringing a recruit will receive $30 hand money. Also two men as recruiting sergeants. 24 hours furlough given to good men. Apply at 76 Bowery or 61 New Bowery, to Captain M. NOONAN, recruiting officer.

$1,092.—WE CAN GET FROM $550 TO $575 CASH in hand for those who desire it and are willing to assign the United States and State bounties. We will guarantee from $848 to $1,092 bounty. 19 Centre street.

HOTELS.

HAVANA.—THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS TO INFORM her friends and persons intending to visit Cuba this season, that she has taken a large house, and is now prepared to receive parties or families who may choose to extend to her a continuance of their patronage, hoping to merit the same by personally attending to the comfort of her guests. The Almy Hotel is situated on the Bay and Plaza de San Francisco, with fine airy apartments, lighted with gas and furnished with all the comforts and conveniences attainable in the place. MARY L. ALMY.

WHITNEY HOUSE—SOUTHEAST CORNER OF Broadway and Twelfth street; entrance on Twelfth street. Porters in attendance all night. Light, well ventilated rooms, 50 and 75 cents per day.

SPORTING.

A CHALLENGE TO BARNEY AARON.—I HAVE seen a challenge from Barney Aaron to fight any man in America of the weight of 120 pounds (William Shaw in particular, the conqueror of Charles Lynch, the champion of light weights). Where there is a great deal of powder there ought to be some smoke. Lynch having crossed the big pond, bearded the lion in his den, and beaten the best men of his weight in England, is willing to fight Aaron for $500, at catch weights; or, in plain words, Aaron can be as big as a mountain by leaving a deposit at the Clipper office, which will be immediately covered. Yours, &c.,
CHARLES LYNCH.

A SHOOTING MATCH FOR PIGEONS TO COME OFF at Ormsbee's Mansion, Seventy-ninth street and Broadway, on Christmas day, at 2 P. M.

I CHALLENGE ALL CREATION—AND FOR SALE, the finest, handsomest, black and tan Terriers, from 2 to 5 pounds; one Newfoundland Dog, extraordinarily well trained, and a splendid watch Dog. Address B., Dovey, 560 Canal street, N. Y., second floor.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY MATT. CASSIDY AND JAMES McCabe will contend their great three mile race for $400, at Finlay's half mile track, Bloomingdale road and Seventy-second street. This promises to be one of the most exciting foot races of the season. The race is to take place between 2 and 3 P. M.

FINANCIAL.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 177 CHATHAM SQUARE, NEW YORK.
SIX PER CENT INTEREST ALLOWED.
Interest on money deposited on or before January 1, 1864, will commence on that date.
Bank open daily from 10 to 2 and 5 to 7 P. M.
M. D. VAN PELT, President.
CHARLES D. BAILEY, Treasurer.
J. T. COCKER, Secretary.

ALWAYS AT THE LOWEST CURRENT RATES OF INTEREST, BORROWERS ON BOND AND MORTGAGE of sums varying from $3,000 TO $150,000
in this city and State, and in the State of New Jersey (other States occasionally, on special inducement) are invited to apply to WARD McLEAN,
(late Field & McLean)
19 Wall street.

BROADWAY BANK, NEW YORK, DEC. 21, 1863.—Twenty-eighth Dividend.—The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of six per cent, and an extra dividend of four per cent, on the capital stock of this Bank, and the government tax, payable on the 2d of January ensuing.
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

CHEMICAL BANK, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 21, 1863.—FORTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.—The President and Directors of this bank have this day declared a quarterly dividend of six per cent, payable to stockholders on and after the 2d of January proximo. By order of the Board.
G. G. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

CONTINENTAL BANK, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 23, 1863.—The directors of this bank have declared a dividend of three and one-half per cent, free of government tax, payable on and after Monday, January 4, 1864. The transfer books will be closed from December 26 to January 4 inclusive. E. W. TALMAN, Cashier.

DISCHARGED NAVY OFFICERS CAN SECURE A prompt settlement of their accounts through W. SNYDER, Jr., late of the Treasury Department, 39 Nassau street, New York, opposite the Post office.

DIVIDEND.—MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK, NO. 1 Third avenue. The Trustees of this institution have directed that interest at the rate of SIX (6) PER CENT per annum on all sums of $500 and under, and of FIVE (5) PER CENT on deposits over $500, free from government tax, be allowed to all depositors entitled thereto, payable on and after WEDNESDAY, January 20.
All interest not withdrawn will draw interest as principal.
Bank open daily from 9 to 2 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 8 P. M.
No. 1 Third avenue.
THOMAS D. STILLMAN, President.
ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

FOR SALE—FIFTEEN SHARES NEW YORK AND New Haven Railroad Company (regular stock).
EDWIN D. VAN SCHAICK, 17 William street.

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND VOUCHERS BOUGHT for cash or collected by J. L. SAVAGE, 49 William st.

GROCERS' BANK, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 23, 1863. A dividend of five per cent will be paid to the stockholders of this bank, free from government tax, on and after January 2, 1864. SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

HOLDERS OF COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1864, FROM first mortgage bonds of the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Railroad Company, can receive their checks upon surrender of the coupons at the office of the company, room 20, 46 Exchange place. H. F. PAINTER, General Agent.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The undersigned, Commissioners appointed at a meeting of the corporators of the International Fire Insurance Company, held on the 25th day of November ult., hereby give notice that the amount of each subscription to the capital stock of said Insurance Company is required to be paid on Monday, the 28th day of December inst., at the office of Howes & Macy, No. 30 Wall street, in the city of New York.
CHARLES A. MACY,
JOHN S. WILLIAMS, } Commissioners.
EBEN SUTTON,
NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 1863.

JOHN B. MURRAY & CO.,
39 Nassau street, corner of Liberty street, New York,
BANKERS AND STOCK BROKERS.
Dealers in Government and other Securities on commission.

MILITARY AND NAVAL COLLECTION AND BANKing Office.—SOMERS, BROWN & CO., No. 2 Park place, N. Y.—Claims of officers and enlisted men against the United States government or State promptly collected. Arrears of pay, bounty and pensions procured for heirs of deceased and invalids.

NOTICE TO BOND HOLDERS—INTEREST ON BONDS of the city of Marysville, Yuba County, California, due January 1, 1864, payable in the city of New York, will be paid on and after that date in current funds at par upon presentation at the American Exchange Bank in said city.
DECKER & JEWETT.
Marysville, Yuba County, California, Dec. 1863.

NOTICE.
Attorneys, Executors, Trustees, Capitalists, &c., having money to loan on Bond and Mortgage, can have choice applications sent to them for selection by their intimating such a desire, by note or otherwise, to WARD McLEAN,
(Late Field & McLean), 19 Wall street.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE BANK.—NEW YORK, DEC. 22, 1863.—A regular quarterly dividend of three (3) per cent, also an extra dividend of three (3) per cent, has been declared on the capital stock of this bank (free of government tax), payable on and after January 5, 1864.
B. F. COOKE, Cashier.

NOTICE TO BOND HOLDERS—INTEREST ON BONDS of the County of Yuba, California, due January 1, 1864, payable in the city of New York, will be paid on and after that date in United States gold coin, upon presentation at the American Exchange Bank in said city.
DECKER & JEWETT.
Marysville, Yuba County, California, Dec. 1863.

NOTICE.
UNITED STATES TREASURY,
New York, Dec. 24, 1863. }
Parties holding thirty (30) or more coupons on United States Bonds maturing on the first proximo, are requested to hand them in, with schedules, at any time before that date.
Holders availing themselves of the above will receive checks for the amount of their coupons on the 31st inst., after 3 o'clock P. M.
Blank schedules will be furnished upon application at the Interest desk of this office.
JOHN J. CISCO,
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

OFFICE OF MARIPOSA COMPANY, 34 WALL STREET, New York.—Notice is hereby given that the following Bonds of the Mariposa Company, of one thousand dollars each, were this day drawn by lot for redemption from the whole number of fifteen hundred, viz.:—184, 231, 264, 374, 409, 425, 444, 551, 597, 658, 800, 907, 965, 980, 997, 1,038, 1,095, 1,142, 1,156, 1,373, 1,392, 1,430, 1,448, 1,457, 1,459, and that the same, together with the sixth months' accrued interest, will be paid in gold on the 1st day of January next, on presentation at the office of the Company. Bonds must be presented within ten days after the 1st day of January next, under penalty of forfeiture of the privilege of redemption from the Sinking Fund under this drawing. MORRIS KETCHUM,
Dated 7th December, 1863. Treasurer.

OFFICE OF TRUSTEES OF CREDITORS AND STOCKholders of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, (Eastern Division), 58 Wall street, New York, December 19, 1863. The interest due 31st December, on the Preferred Certificates issued by this Trust, will be paid on and after the 2d day of January, at the office of the Trustees, 58 Wall street. The transfer books for all certificates will be closed from the afternoon of the 24th inst., to the morning of the 4th of January, 1864. By order of the Trustees.
EDWIN BARTLETT, Chairman.

OFFICE OF THE MARIPOSA COMPANY, 34 WALL street, New York, Dec. 21, 1863.—Notice is hereby given that the interest coupons of the bonds of the Mariposa Company falling due on the first day of January next, will be paid on that day in gold, on presentation at the office of the company. JAMES HOY, President.
GEO. W. FARLEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, 10 PINE STREET,
New York, Dec. 22, 1863. }
Dividend notice.—The semi-annual interest dividend of three and a half per cent (3½ per cent) on the capital stock of this company, will be paid at the office of the company on and after January 2, and the transfer books will be closed on the 22d inst. until that day.
A. L. McCARTHY, Secretary.

OFFICE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD Company (as re-organized), Chillicothe, Ohio, December 25, 1863.—Notice is hereby given that the stock books of this company, at the office at Chillicothe and at the New York transfer office, will be closed from the 1st to the 15th January next. W. B. WATSON, Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
THE PUBLIC MINING AND MANUFACTURING
STOCK EXCHANGE BOARD
MEETS DAILY, AT 52 WILLIAM STREET,
Commencing at 10½ A. M. punctually.
THE PUBLIC ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE.
Stocks are called in alphabetical order, embracing all the leading Mining Stocks sold in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, &c., &c. ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
Manager.

PROPOSALS FOR $230,000 OF "THE WATER STOCK of the City of New York of the year 1849."—Sealed proposals will be received at the Comptroller's Office until Saturday, December 26, 1863, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened for the whole or any part of the sum of two hundred and thirty thousand dollars of "the Water Stock of the City of New York of the year 1849," authorized by chapter 90 of the laws of 1849, and by an ordinance of the Common Council approved by the Mayor Dec. 14, 1863.
The said stock will bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable quarter yearly, and the principal will be redeemable on the first day of November, 1879.
The proposals will state the amount of stock desired and the price per one hundred dollars thereof, and the persons whose proposals are accepted will be required to deposit with the Chamberlain of the city, within five days after the opening of the bids, the sums awarded to them respectively.
On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposits the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the stock, bearing interest from the dates of payments.
Each proposition should be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for the Water Stock of the City of New York of the year 1849," and enclosed in a second envelope, addressed to the Comptroller.
The right is reserved to reject any or all of the bids if the interests of the Corporation require it.
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 16, 1863.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.—THE coupons due 1st January, 1864, of the first mortgage Bonds of this company will be paid on and after that date, in gold coin (less government tax), at the office of
SCHUCHARDT GEBHARDT.

SOLDIERS DISCHARGED BY REASON OF WOUNDS received in battle, can now be paid their $100 bounty. Pensions procured, and back pay, clothing, and all government accounts collected by CLARKE & ELLIOTT, 629 Broadway, near Bleecker street.

SIX PER CENT INTEREST.
Citizens' Savings Bank, corner of Bowery and Canal street, open every day from 9 to 3, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 7.
Bank books in English, German and French.
Interest commences Jan. 1, 1864.
GEORGE FOLSOM, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, TREASURER'S OFFICE, Springfield, December 5, 1863.—Public notice is hereby given that the Treasurer of the State of Illinois will, on and after the first Monday in January next (1864), until the 15th day of said month, be ready, at the AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, in the city of New York, to pay the interest maturing on the first Monday of January, 1864, on the public debt of the State of Illinois.
The interest then due and not called for prior to the 15th day of January will thereafter be paid only at the office of the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, in the city of Springfield.
Holders of Illinois and Michigan Canal Bonds whose coupons are exhausted are requested to present the bonds.
ALEXANDER STARNE, State Treasurer.

THE PARK BANK—CAPITAL $2,000,000.—W. H. FOGG, President; W. E. Kitchen, Vice President; J. L. Worth, Cashier.
NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 1863.
The Board of Directors of this bank have declared a dividend of five per cent from the profits of the current six months, an extra dividend of ten per cent, free from government tax, payable on and after January 2, 1864. The transfer books will be closed until that date inclusive.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

TO LOAN—ON BOND AND MORTGAGE, FROM $4,000 to $6,000. For particulars apply to A. JENGADO, 87 West street, N. Y.

19TH DIVIDEND.
Bull's Head Bank.—The Board of Directors of this Bank has declared its usual quarterly dividend of three (3) per cent, free of government tax, out of the earnings for the past three months, payable on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer books will be closed from this date to the 2d proximo. O. W. WILLETT, Cashier.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1863.

$1,000.—WANTED TO BORROW, $1,000, ON THE best of security, consisting of Furniture, for which a liberal interest will be paid and the parties fully secured. Address W. B. Rankin, 309 Broadway.

$85,000 TO LOAN—ON BOND AND MORTGAGE upon improved property in the city of New York, in sums of not over $20,000. No commission demanded. Apply to T. J. McKEE, 67 Wall street.

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BUY CHRISTMAS, IF YOU CANNOT BUY ANY other day.
50,000 Photograph Albums at your price.
75,000 magnificent Gift Books at your price.
100,000 Children's Books at any price.
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BISHOP & REIN, IMPORTERS OF WATCHES, FIFTH Avenue Hotel, N. Y., and 58 Rue de la Verrerie, Paris. WATCHES, from Jurgensen and all the best makers. LADIES' WATCHES, a full assortment.

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(And all time).
GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES,
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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
Staple Goods for the holidays and lasting tokens.
AT LOW PRICES.
T. R. DYNNER,
Importer and dealer in Watches and Jewelry,
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AT MME. VINCENT VIGOUROUX'S, 120 FOURTH AVEnue, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, one block from Broadway, Stamping and Embroidery, Initials for Handkerchiefs and Bedclothes. Country orders ready same day.

CHEAP OVERCOATS—CHEAP OVERCOATS.
Petersham and Lionskin Overcoats $7 50
Union Beaver Overcoats 8 00
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Esquimaux Beaver Overcoats 16 00
Cassimere Pants .... $2, $3 $4 and 5 00
A lot of Boys' Suits cheap.
GEO. LEVIE, 427 Broome street.
He will close to day at 12 o'clock.

FURS,
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Ladies' and Misses' fine Furs, in
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Retailed at wholesale prices by
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GEORGE FINIGAN.

FLUTING FOR DRESS TRIMMINGS DONE IN A SUperior style for four cents per yard under four inches, above four six cents, by the French Fluting Company, 371 Spring street, between Varick and Hudson.

FASHIONABLE DRESS ELEVATOR.—EVERY LADY should procure one of these. DEMOREST'S Imperial Dress Elevators. They are indispensable, and the most perfect article for raising the dress in graceful festoons or the fashionable style uniformly all round. Sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price. No. 473 Broadway.

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A GRAND CHRISTMAS GALA DAY.
A GLORIOUS TIME ANTICIPATED!
ICE IN SPLENDID CONDITION
ON THE FIFTH AVENUE POND,
Corner of Fifty-seventh street and Fifth avenue.
The managers of this popular skating pond announce, with supreme pleasure, to subscribers and their friends that the ice is now in splendid condition—AS CLEAR AND SMOOTH AS THE SURFACE OF A MIRROR—and so solid that a week of August weather would scarcely leave an impression upon its surface. A GLORIOUS TIME, therefore, may be anticipated during the holiday season.
That the friends of subscribers may, conjointly with them, enjoy the delight of these festive days, it has been determined to open the pond to all persons of well KNOWN RESPECTABILITY on the payment of 25 cents each at the gate.
A BAND OF MUSIC will be in attendance on every afternoon and evening.
Season tickets may be obtained at the principal office of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and tickets of admission at the gate.

DIARIES FOR 1864.—EXPENSE BOOKS, DAILY Journals, Photograph Albums, Leather Bags, Portfolios, Desks, Pocketbooks, Purses, Games, Dominoes, Cards, and all kinds of Stationery and Blank Books, at low prices, by FRANCIS & LOUTREL, 45 Maiden lane.

DIVORCES LEGALLY OBTAINED IN ANOTHER State for persons from any State, without publicity or change of residence. Incompatibility, desertion, drunkenness, &c., sufficient cause. Advice free. Apply to H. BATEMAN, Counsellor at Law, 658 Broadway.

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The best Virginia pine, oak and Hickory Wood, in quantities to suit. Yard corner of avenue C and East Sixteenth street. Office 518 Broadway.
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SKATES FOR THE MILLION,
Made to order by MARSDEN BROTHERS, Sheffield, England. Also
"THE LATEST KINK,"
Woodham's self-adjusting Fastening.
Can be attached to any skate.
Wholesale and retail.
Skates made, ground and repaired.
ALFRED WOODHAM, 424 Broadway,
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SKATING AT SYLVAN LAKE, HOBOKEN, FOOT OF Seventh street, ten minutes' walk from the ferry. Admission—Gentlemen, 15 cents; ladies and children, 10 cents. On Monday afternoon and evening, Dec. 28, Schiebel's National Brass Band will be present.

SKATING—LLEWELLYN PARK.
The proprietors of Llewellyn Park will please take notice that the Skating Pond (seven acres, on the mountain top) is in fine skating order. Visitors require cards of admission.

SKATES.—FOR SALE, ABOUT 125 PAIRS FIRST QUAlity Skates, for ladies and gentlemen, but little used, and would be sold low. Inquire at 10 Cortlandt street.

STEAM ENGINE.—WANTED, A STATIONARY ENgine, of about fifty horse power, with or without Boilers, in all conditions in complete working order. None but such as are in all respects in prime order need address, with particulars, X. Engineer, Herald office.

THE ARTIFICIAL LEG, INVENTED AND PATENTED by Thomas Wren.—The patentee had the misfortune, while in California, to lose a leg, and being of an inventive turn of mind, applied himself to the making of an artificial leg, which he completed so successfully that he was induced by his friends and several surgeons who examined it to apply for a patent, which he obtained September 8, 1863. All surgeons who have examined the artificial leg, as well as those who have used them, agree in pronouncing them superior to any other they have ever known. The facility with which the inventor himself uses his artificial leg is convincing proof of its great value. Mr. Wren has just arrived from San Francisco, where he sold his patent for the Pacific coast, and now offers for sale his patent for the Atlantic States as a whole, or for each State separately. Rights will be sold on reasonable terms, giving time for the payment of a portion of the purchase money. Mechanics are particularly invited to call. Mr. WREN is stopping at the Manchester Hotel, 166 Washington street, where he will be happy to show the leg and the facility with which it can be used.

THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY FOR GOUT AND Rheumatism.—All sufferers from the above complaints, either of recent or long standing, are advised to use BLAIR'S GOUT and RHEUMATIC PILLS. They can be relied upon as the most safe and effectual remedy ever offered to the public, and have been universally used in Europe for many years with the greatest success.
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Her Majesty's Commissioners have authorized the name and address of "Thomas Prout, 229 Strand, London," to be impressed upon the government stamp affixed to each box of the genuine medicine.
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TYPE METAL AND OLD LEAD WANTED.—CASH will be paid for a few hundred weight of Type Metal and old Lead. Apply at the desk of this office.

TOWBOAT.—WANTED, A PROPELLER, SUITABLE for towing in the harbor. Address Towboat, box 180 Herald office, stating age, builders of boat and machinery, size, power, daily consumption of fuel, when in full work; also where the boat may be seen.

THE AUTHORITIES OF ANY OF THE STATES IN the Union, or of Mexico and South America, can be supplied, on advantageous terms, with Springfield Guns, on application to B. W. PLUMB, Diamond Broker, 512 Broadway.

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A. DODWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMIES,
No. 204 Fifth avenue, New York.
No. 137 Montague street, Brooklyn.
NEW YORK CLASSES—Mondays and Thursdays, or Wednesdays and Saturdays. Children at 4 and gentlemen at 8 P. M.
BROOKLYN CLASSES—Tuesdays and Fridays, at 4 P. M. for children; at 8 P. M. for gentlemen.
At 10 A. M. on Saturdays for children and young ladies.

C. H. RIVERS' DANCING ACADEMY, NO. 33 SCHERmerhorn street, Brooklyn.—Several new classes are now forming. A new class for misses and masters, Monday and Thursday afternoons, at four o'clock. All the fashionable dances taught in one quarter. Send for a circular.

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J. H. SEARING'S PRIVATE DANCING ACADEMY, 292 Fourth avenue, near Twenty-third street; classes forming for the second quarter; ladies and masters at four o'clock and gentlemen at eight o'clock P. M.; classes at other times, and private lessons every day to those who wish to learn quickly.

SIGNOR G. PLANCI RESPECTFULLY INFORMS HIS friends that he will open his Dancing Academy at 724 Broadway, opposite New York Hotel, on Saturday, Dec. 19. Private lessons, 10 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 4 P. M. Evening practice from 8 to 10 o'clock P. M.

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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR,
AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, 23d December.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New York Wednesday, 30th Dec.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, 6th January.
PERSIA leaves New York Wednesday, 13th January.
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FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $132 50
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Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced Surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
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NOTICE.
For the accommodation of passengers and shippers, the steamship CITY OF WASHINGTON will be detained until 2 P. M. on the 26th inst.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
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STEAM WEEKLY TO LIVERPOOL, TOUCHING AT QUEENSTOWN (Cork harbor).—The Liverpool, New York and Philadelphia Steamship Company intend despatching their full powered Clyde built iron steamships as follows:—
CITY OF WASHINGTON .... Saturday, Dec. 26.
EDINBURG .... Saturday, Jan. 2.
and every succeeding Saturday, at noon, from pier 44 North river.
RATES OF PASSAGE,
(Payable in gold, or its equivalent in currency.)
First Cabin .... $80 Steerage $30
Do. to London .... 85 Do. to London 34
Do. to Paris .... 95 Do. to Paris 40
Do. to Hamburg .... 90 Do. to Hamburg 37
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at equally low rates.
From Liverpool or Queenstown.—First Cabin, $75, $85, $105; Steerage, $35. Those who wish to send for their friends can buy tickets here at these rates.
These steamers have superior accommodations for passengers, are strongly built in water tight iron sections, and carry patent fire annihilators. Experienced surgeons are attached to each steamer.
For further information apply in Liverpool to WILLIAM INMAN, Agent, 22 Water street; in Glasgow to ALEX. MALCOLM, No. 5 St. Enoch square; in Queenstown to C. & W. D. SEYMOUR & CO.; in London to EIVES & MACEY, 61 King William street; in Paris to JULES DECOUE, 48 rue Notre Dame des Victoires, place de la Bourse; in Philadelphia to JOHN G. DALE, 111 Walnut street, or at the Company's offices.
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THE LONDON AND NEW YORK STEAMSHIP COMPANY
will despatch monthly their new and powerful first class British iron steamships,
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EACH THREE THOUSAND TONS BURTHEN,
between London and New York, calling at Havre on the voyage from London.
Rates of passage from New York, payable in United States currency:—
First cabin, $60; second cabin, $50; steerage $30.
For passage apply to
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, at the office, 26 Broadway.
For freight apply at 54 South street.
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GALWAY LINE.—THE ATLANTIC IRISH ROYAL Mail Steam Navigation Company.—ADRIATIC, 1,200 horse power, 4,000 tons; HIBERNIA, 1,000 horse power, 3,000 tons; COLUMBIA, 1,000 horse power, 3,000 tons; ANGLIA, 1,000 horse power, 3,000 tons. The magnificent sidewheel steamship HIBERNIA, Captain Moran, will sail from Boston for Galway and Liverpool on Tuesday, December 29, to be followed by the ADRIATIC, from New York, January 12. Rates of passage, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency.—First Cabin, $80; Intermediate, $40; Steerage, $30; New York to St. Johns, $40, $30, $20. Passengers forwarded also to London, Paris, Hamburg, Havre, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at lowest rates. Fare from Liverpool or Galway to New York and Boston, $30, $40, $85 and $105. For passage apply to BAHEL & SEARL, 75 Broadway. For rates of freight and specie and all other information apply to
LAWRENCE, GILES & CO., 11 South William street.

STEAM FROM AND TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERpool—Inman line.—HECLA sails Wednesday, December 30. SIDON sails Wednesday, January 6. Passage from New York, $35 currency. To New York, $30 gold or value in currency. For passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, 40 Fulton street.

THE HAMBURG AMERICAN PACKET COMPANY'S IRON MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
From Southampton. From New York.
BAVARIA .... December 1 .... December 26
GERMANIA .... December 16 .... January 9, 1864
TEUTONIA .... December 29 .... January 23, 1864
SAXONIA .... January 12 .... February 6, 1864
HAMMONIA .... January 26 .... February 20, 1864
BORUSSIA .... February 9 .... March 5, 1864
—from pier 21 North river, foot of Fulton street, taking passengers for Hamburg, Havre, London and Southampton, at the following rates:—First cabin, $105; second cabin, $62 50; steerage, $37 50—payable in gold or its equivalent.
For freight apply to KUNHARDT & CO., 45 Exchange place.
For passage apply to C. B. RICHARD & BOAS, No. 161 Broadway.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE STEAMSHIP BAVARIA has been postponed to Wednesday, December 30, 1863.

THE NORTH GERMAN LLOYDS' STEAMSHIP NEW YORK, J. Wenke, commander, carrying the United States mail, will sail from the Bremen pier, foot of Third street, Hoboken, on
SATURDAY, January 16, at 12 o'clock M.,
FOR
BREMEN VIA SOUTHAMPTON,
taking passengers to
LONDON, HAVRE, SOUTHAMPTON and BREMEN
at the following rates, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:—
For the first cabin, $105; second cabin, $62 50; steerage, $37 50.
For freight or passage apply to
OELRICHS & CO., 68 Broad street.

FOR LIVERPOOL—OLD BLACK BALL LINE.—THE ship GREAT WESTERN will sail on Friday, January 1, 1864. For passage, in cabin or second cabin, apply on board, foot of Beekman street, or to ROCHE BROS. & COFFEY, 69 South street.

FOR LIVERPOOL.—TAPSCOTT'S LINE.
Ship ROGER A. HEIRN sails Dec. 23.
Ship GEN. McCLELLAN sails January 2.
FOR LONDON—X LINE.
Ship DANIEL WEBSTER sails January 2.
For passage to or from Liverpool and London, or drafts, payable in all parts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, at the lowest possible rates, apply to TAPSCOTT BROTHERS & CO., 86 South street, New York.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.
A first class steamer will leave New York on the 3d, 13th and 23d of each month, except when these dates fall on Sunday, when the day of departure will be on the Monday following.
For freight or passage apply at the only office, No. 5 Bowling Green. D. B. ALLEN, Agent.

FOR NEW ORLEANS DIRECT.
The United States mail steamship CREOLE, John Thompson commander, will leave pier 13, North river, on Wednesday, December 30, at three o'clock P. M. precisely, for New Orleans direct.
No freight received or bills of lading signed on the day of sailing.
For freight or passage apply to
LUDLAM, HEINEKEN & CO., 115 Broadway.

FOR NEW ORLEANS DIRECT.
The new and first class United States Mail Steamship
GEORGE WASHINGTON,
E. V. Gager, Commander,
Will leave Pier No. 9 North river, on Saturday, January 2, at 3 P. M.
Passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, $60.
For freight or passage apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., 86 West street.

FOR HAVANA AND NEW ORLEANS.
TO SAIL ON
SATURDAY, Dec. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M.
The new side-wheel United States mail steamship
MORNING STAR,
J. M. Courtenay, commander,
will sail as above from pier 46 North river, third pier above Canal street.
N. B.—The steamship EVENING STAR will sail for Havana and New Orleans, Saturday, Jan. 9.
For freight or passage apply to
JAMES A. RAYNOR, 161 Broadway.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.—THE UNITED STATES MAIL sidewheel steamship EAGLE, Richard Adams commander, will leave pier No. 4, North river, on Wednesday, January 6, for Havana direct. All letters must pass through the Post office. No freight received or bills of lading signed on the day of sailing. For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., 29 Broadway.

FOR PORT ROYAL, S. C.—REGULAR LINE.—THE schooner OLIVE HAYWARD is now loading at pier 46 North river, for Hilton Head and Beaufort, S. C., and will have immediate despatch. For freight, &c., apply at No. 86 Greenwich street, or 371 Washington street. The bark Express will follow. BIXBY & CO.

FOR BEAUFORT AND MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., CONnecting by railroad with Newbern, carrying the United States mail.—The steamship PETREL, Davis, commander, will sail for the above ports on Tuesday, 29th, at 12 o'clock noon. For freight or passage, having fine accommodations, apply on board, at pier 29 East river, or to
MURRAY & NEPHEW, 62 South street.
No freight received or bills of lading signed on day of sailing.

COAL.

COKE $5 PER CHALDRON.—DELIVERED IMMEdiately, from Manhattan Gas Works, foot of Eighteenth street, North river. CRAPSER & BURNS,
505½ West Eighteenth street.

COKE $6 A CHALDRON—DELIVERED IMMEDIATEly from the New York Gas Company. Orders received at 146 Third avenue, near Sixteenth street. All coke screened clear from dust.

$5.—COKE DELIVERED, AT THE SHORTEST POSsible notice, at the above reduced price per chaldron.
ALEX. DAVIS & SONS.
Yards—240 First avenue, near Fourteenth street; Forty-seventh street, near Third avenue.

$7.—BLACKSMITHS' COAL FOR SALE, AT THE above price per ton.
ALEX. DAVIS & SONS,
240 First avenue, near Fourteenth street.

$7.50 PER TON.—2,000 TONS OF THE BEST RED and white ash Coals, screened and delivered at the following prices:—Stove coal, $9 50; egg, $9; furnace, $8 75; large nut, $7 50. A. TREADWELL, Agent, 146 Waverley place, near Sixth avenue; 343 Bowery, corner of Third street, and 18 New Chambers street, near Chatham.

5,000 TONS OF COAL, STACKED AND AFLOAT, at following prices from yards:—In quantities of ten tons and upwards, $8 50, all sizes; by single ton, $9 50; nut at $7 50; pea and dust at $2 50.
JOHN BAGLEY, Nos. 5 and 23 Oak street.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—TRAINS FOR ALbany, Troy, the North and West, leave Chambers street at 7 and 10 A. M. and 3:15, 5 and 10:30 P. M., and on Sundays at 5:20 P. M., from Thirtieth street. Tickets may be procured at any of the offices of WESTCOTT'S EXPRESS, in New York and Brooklyn, and baggage checked at the house to all points on the road and to Saratoga Springs.

NEW YORK, HARLEM AND ALBANY RAILROAD.—Increased accommodations. Trains for Albany and Troy, the North and West, leave Twenty sixth street depot at 10 A. M. and 4:25 P. M.
Sunday trains leave New York for Albany at 4:25 P. M., and Albany for New York at 9:15 A. M.
JOHN BURCHILL, Superintendent.

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Irving Place.—ITALIAN OPERA—FAUST.

NIBLO'S GARDEN, Broadway.—ALL HALLOW EVE—YANKEE COURTSHIP—BARNY, THE BARON.

WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway.—MARRIED LIFE.

WINTER GARDEN, Broadway.—TICKET OF LEAVE MAN.

OLYMPIC THEATRE, Broadway.—EASY SHAVING—LADIES BEWARE—MISCHIEF MAKING.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery.—Afternoon—ALMIGHTY DOLLAR—COLUMBIA'S SON—RAISING THE WIND—SEVENOAKS. Evening—ALMIGHTY DOLLAR—SHAM FAT MAN—MICHAEL, THE MANIAC—CHRISTMAS SPREE.

BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery.—Afternoon—JACK SHEPPARD—MISTLETOE BOUGH—FOUR LOVERS. Evening—VAMPIRE—IRISH EMIGRANT—FRISKY COBBLER—HOW TO AVOID DRAFTING.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM, Broadway.—FRENCH GIANT, GIANT GIRL, GIANT BOY, LILLIPUTIAN KING, &c., at all hours. TICKET OF LEAVE MAN—THREAT OF THE TOMB—Day and Evening.

BRYANTS' MINSTRELS, Mechanics' Hall, 472 Broadway.—ETHIOPIAN SONGS, DANCES, BURLESQUES, &c.—TAKE IT AND LEAVE MAN.

WOOD'S MINSTREL HALL, 514 Broadway.—ETHIOPIAN SONGS, DANCES, &c.—VON HAM-BUGS MENAGERIE.

GEO. CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS, 585 Broadway.—BURLESQUES, SONGS, DANCES, &c.—SCHERMERHORN'S BOY.

AMERICAN THEATRE, No. 444 Broadway.—BALLETS, PANTOMIMES, BURLESQUES, &c.—KILLING NO MURDER.

BROADWAY AMPHITHEATRE, 485 Broadway.—GYMNASTIC AND EQUESTRIAN PERFORMANCES. Afternoon and Evening.

HOPE CHAPEL, 718 Broadway.—THE STEREOSCOPTICAN OR MIRROR OF THE UNIVERSE.

NEW YORK MUSEUM OF ANATOMY, 618 Broadway.—CURIOSITIES AND LECTURES, from 9 A. M. till 10 P. M.

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE, Brooklyn.—ETHIOPIAN SONGS, DANCES, BURLESQUES, &c.

New York, Friday, December 25, 1863.

THE SITUATION.

The calm and quiet so congenial to the present solemn Christian festival of the season would seem to have fallen upon our armies and all the agencies through which news of an exciting or interesting character are accustomed to reach us. The Army of the Potomac makes no sign. From Charleston we have nothing to report. The late grand exploit of General Averill in Western Virginia is still fresh in our memories; but no further demonstrations of a hostile character have been made in that quarter. The same may be said of affairs in and around Chattanooga and Knoxville. General Grant is resting upon the honors he has won, and General Burnside is enjoying his Christmas festivities in his favorite home—Rhode Island. In the midst of war we may chronicle on this great festival which commemorates the advent of peace to all men at least a momentary pause in the strife which is convulsing our country.

The funeral ceremonies of General Corcoran took place at Fairfax yesterday. The remains are expected to arrive in this city to-day, under charge of a committee of the Common Council. The public obsequies will take place from the City Hall on Sunday afternoon.

The New Orleans steamship Geo. Cromwell was seized by Marshal Murray yesterday, and a large quantity of powder and percussion caps were found on board. Several passengers, who presented a suspicious appearance, were arrested. The shipment of the materials of war—which were supposed to be intended for the rebels—was traced to a certain prominent house in Cortlandt street. The main facts of the case have been concealed by the authorities—no doubt for good reasons—and it is therefore enveloped in some mystery for the present. Such facts, however, as have come to light will be found in our columns to-day.

We give to-day a detailed account of the capture of the Chesapeake by the gunboat Ella and Annie. When she came in sight of the Chesapeake the latter ran up the American ensign, Union down. They ran alongside her and found three men on board, two of whom had been prisoners. One was the first engineer, and the other a fireman. The chief engineer said that he had received very harsh treatment. He was not allowed to leave the engine room, and a man stood beside him constantly with a revolver pointed at his head. It appears that when the Ella and Annie first saw the Chesapeake a schooner was seen alongside supplying her with coal, which hauled off as soon as she saw the new comer. One of the crew was recognized as a well known New York thief, who has passed several terms in Sing Sing.

It will be seen by the order of General Dix that pursuant to instructions from the War Department no United States bounty, other than the one hundred dollars authorized by the law of July 22, 1861, promulgated in General Order 49, of that year, will be paid to any soldier enlisting or re-enlisting, veteran volunteer or otherwise, after the 5th of January, 1864. This order, however, does not affect the bounties paid by States, cities or parties other than the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

The National Conservative Union Committee—the old Bell-Everett faction—in session at Philadelphia, yesterday nominated General McClellan for President, and ex-Governor William B. Campbell, of Tennessee, for Vice President.

The Board of Councilmen organized at four o'clock yesterday, and without transacting any business immediately adjourned until Monday next at one o'clock.

The will of Caroline W. Crane has been admitted to probate without contest. The testatrix gave $1,000 to the American Tract Society and $6,816 to the Bible Society, and the rest of her estate to her relatives.

The near approach of the holidays restricted monetary operations yesterday. The stock market was slightly depressed at the opening, but partially recovered before the close. In gold there was hardly sufficient doing to give influence to quotations. Government stocks participated in the general dulness, but were firm—the five-twenties at 101½, and the seven and three-tenths notes at 106½.

In the absence of any marked change in gold, there was but little change in the quotations of merchandise on Thursday. The business was very light, being restricted by the nearness of the holiday season, when business is usually very light. At the Produce Exchange business was moderate, at about Wednesday's prices for nearly everything. Imported merchandise was quiet. Groceries were quiet. Cotton was a trifle more active; but quotations were nominally the same. Petroleum was dull and almost nominal at 32c. a 32½c. for crude, and 46c for refined. Freights were very quiet, and rates were nominally unchanged.

General Averill's Late Expedition and Its Important Results.

The late expedition of General Averill into Southwestern Virginia, considering the inclement season of the year, the wild, rugged, inhospitable mountainous region traversed, and the numerous detachments of the enemy operating to capture or destroy his column, we think may be set down as the most delicate, difficult and dangerous, and yet the most skilfully executed, raid of all the daring ones of the war.

The results achieved may also be considered as of the very highest importance. The destruction of three well filled depots of supplies of all kinds, intended for the rebel army, will be felt by the half-rationed soldiers of General Lee; but the destruction of fifteen miles of the Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, midway between Lee and Longstreet, including the demolition of five bridges and several culverts, will be apt to prove a fatal disaster to Longstreet. The rebels will be occupied several weeks in repairing these damages, and in the meantime the only line of communication between Longstreet and Lee is completely broken. In the interval supplies to Lee, on the one hand, and reinforcements to Longstreet on the other, are interrupted; and Longstreet, if he has not made the best possible use of his time since last heard from, is at the mercy of the pursuing legions of General Grant. Even if beyond immediate danger, this cutting of his only remaining line of communication with Richmond will admonish him of the necessity of abandoning the last corner of East Tennessee in order to save his army.

The importance of that section, including the interlocking corner of Southwestern Virginia, to the rebellion at this stage of the war was very frankly disclosed by several leading rebel journals after the failure of Bragg to demolish General Rosecrans or to dislodge him from Chattanooga. Thus it was confessed that the grain, cattle, sheep and swine of East Tennessee were indispensable to the subsistence of the army of Bragg; that the nitre caves of those mountains were just as necessary for the powder mills of Augusta, Rome and Atlanta; while the salt springs in those mountain valleys, extending into Southwestern Virginia, had become the main dependence of the Davis confederacy, army and people, for the essential article of salt. The holding of the country and the sources of all those invaluable supplies now depends upon Longstreet. Bragg's late army has been driven too far down into Georgia to be able to help him. Thus Longstreet is much in the same position as was Joe Johnston after the fall of Vicksburg. He is detached from his supports, his lines of travel are interrupted, and he is enveloped by combinations from which he can hardly escape.

In this view the strategic value of General Averill's masterly raid upon the Tennessee and Virginia Railroad will be readily comprehended. As a movement against Longstreet, it is as valuable to General Grant as was the famous Grierson Mississippi raid in reference to the campaign against Vicksburg, or as was General Carter's dashing foray into East Tennessee in support of General Rosecrans at Murfreesboro, or as would have been the splendid Stoneman expedition, in view of the destruction of Lee's army, had General Hooker only succeeded in dislodging it from the Rappahannock. Or, had the War Office only thought of it, General Stoneman might have turned even the defeat of Hooker into the greatest triumph of the war, by the capture of the defenceless rebel capital, and the destruction of its foundries, workshops, factories, mills and magazines of military supplies of all kinds—to say nothing of the probable capture of Jeff. Davis.

Such is the importance, and such are the opportunities sometimes offered by a well digested and bravely executed raid within the enemy's lines. Such we consider the value of General Averill's late expedition, in reference to the expulsion and dispersion of Longstreet's forces from East Tennessee; and we dare say that General Grant's movements will, before long, fully sustain this opinion. Let us await the issue of the game.

Christmas A. D. 1 and A. D. 1863.

A great many events have happened since the year one of the Christian era. When Christ was born the heavens opened and the angels sang together for joy, and the burden of their song was, "Peace on earth and good will to men." Then the wise men of the East found Christ in the manger—a most lowly cradle—and burned incense before him, and gave him gifts whose richness contrasted strangely with the squalor which surrounded him, and so fell down and worshipped the poor, helpless infant, in whom, with supernatural intelligence, they recognized the Prince of Peace.

Eighteen hundred and sixty-three years have elapsed since that day; but the peace which Christ was sent to bring to the world has not yet come. Empires, kingdoms and republics have been established, with anxious care and with much expenditure of blood and treasure, only to be swept away by revolutions or to be crumbled to pieces by the powerful and remorseless hand of Time. Instead of peace we have had continual war. Now, in the year of our Lord 1863, we celebrate Christmas amid the roar of artillery and the clash of arms, and the bloodshed, the misery and the suffering of the greatest civil conflict which ever shocked and distressed the world. Our forefathers founded upon this continent the most perfect government recorded in history. That government is now being put to its crucial test. Either its magnificent perfection or its inherent weakness is to be conclusively demonstrated. It is being subjected to a most terrible experiment, in order to determine whether or not it is capable of sustaining itself against treason and rebellion. If so, it will take its place at the head of the nations, and assume the position politically that it holds geographically—that of the great central Power, with Europe on the one hand and Asia upon the other, supplied by its resources and contributing to its prosperity. Others may be doubtful in regard to the result of this experiment; but, for ourselves, we are confident that the integrity of the Union will be triumphantly vindicated, and that a long line of future republics will date their existence from the success of the United States, and adopt this, the first and best of popular governments, as their model and exemplar.

Believing this, we wish all of our readers, and all the world, a merry Christmas, and many of them to come. Of late, indeed, we have been peculiarly fortunate in our holidays, and have always had something especially satisfactory to be thankful for and to rejoice over. Last Fourth of July we had the capture of Vicksburg, by which General Grant split the bogus confederacy in twain. On Thanksgiving Day we had the defeat of Bragg and the brilliant victory upon the heights of Chattanooga, by which General Grant relieved Tennessee. To-day we have the intelligence that Longstreet is cut off from Richmond, and that the railroad arteries of the confederacy are severed in a most vital point. If General Halleck handles our forces properly we may secure all of Longstreet's army—a prize than which no Christmas gift could be more welcome to the country. This is certainly something to be happy about; and, besides this, there is nothing at present in the condition of our armies or the condition of the enemy which can cast any gloom over our Christmas festivities. Our soldiers in the field are well disciplined, well armed, well equipped, well supplied and well officered. Those whose terms of service have expired are re-enlisting by whole regiments. Volunteers are flocking to the camps by thousands. There is every prospect before us of a speedy and a glorious termination of the war. Our resources are hardly yet drawn upon, and the capital and industry of the country produce wealth even faster than this spendthrift administration can throw it away. Down South, where gaunt Famine walks hand in hand with War, and where Providence is most severely punishing the crime of rebellion, this Christmas must be most miserable. But at the North, all the soldiers, whether in the field, in their comfortable winter quarters, or at home on furlough, and all the civilians of every kind and degree—with the single exception of the conscience-stricken shoddy contractors—have really every reason to enjoy, as we have already heartily wished them—a merry Christmas.

The International Fight—British Fair Play.

Everybody knows that we adhere to all the doctrines of the churches; that all our thoughts are charitable and our ways just. And, as the churches deprecate fights and fighters, so also do we. But that is with the good part of us, which predominates on Sundays. Unfortunately there is another part, and with this other part we sympathize with common mortality—which always goes in for a fight. Some nice sentimentalist has said that "lion with lion herds, and pard with pard," and that man is the only animal that fights. All a mistake. No agglomeration of matter possessed of conscious life ever went through existence without a battle. From the ant to the elephant it is the same. And as for men, even the most pious of us fight. Martin Luther was always ready. Beecher fights all the time—in spirit—a kind of a fight, though, in which no hard knocks are given. Inspired writers, when they desire to be very clear, use language that they know all men can understand. Thus it is said that Jacob "wrestled with the Lord." And it would appear from the context that Jacob got a bad fall, for he limped ever after. Since the principle of fight is, then, thus universal in animated nature, we shall perhaps be excused for our deep interest in the recent great prize fight, and for our sympathy with Heenan.

John C. Heenan has never won a battle, and has never been beaten in a good stand up fight that could be called perfectly fair. His last fight resulted disastrously, not through any fault of his own, but through the deliberate and positive determination of the Englishmen present that he should not win. He was shamefully swindled out of the prize by men who pretend to be fond of fair play; and the London *Times*, with its immense stultification, says that the fight was a fair one. *Bell's Life* gave an account of the fight, by which it seemed that Heenan was honestly beaten. True, though twenty-four rounds were fought, that paper does not give the particulars of any round later than the seventeenth, and admits that then "all regulation was swept to the winds." But the *Sporting News* makes no dodges at all, and gives an account in which the whole fight is more clearly seen. By that paper's account it appears that upon the eighteenth round King "was thrown so heavily it was thought he was out of time;" and then "the Kingites broke into the ring, and the remainder of the fight went on amid much disorder." Heenan was thus deprived of his chance by a repetition of what occurred in the fight with Sayers. At a time when the fight must go in favor of the American, because the Englishman cannot come to time, the Englishman's friends break the ring, interrupt the fight, and so give the exhausted man time to recover and come to the scratch again. Such is the game by which Heenan has been beaten in both his fights in England, and by which Molyneux was beaten also. *Bell's Life*, indisposed to speak against popular sentiment, dishonestly avoids allusion to this matter in its account.

Heenan, after such an interruption, very evidently lost all heart, and was easily beaten. Having in his former fight beaten Sayers, he had to fight the whole crowd—and here it was the same thing over. He saw that he could not win, and gave up the attempt. But by such a defeat he will lose no credit here.

OUR PROGRESS IN THE ARTS.—A stranger visiting New York at the present time would never suppose that we were in the midst of one of the costliest and bloodiest civil wars recorded in history. Not only would he behold on every side the evidences of unparalleled commercial prosperity, but also of a state of things which is usually deemed incompatible with such a life and death struggle as that in which we are engaged. At no period have the superfluities and luxuries of life been more freely indulged in or commanded higher prices than at present. It would seem as if the more we were taxed to meet the exigencies of the war the more our resources develop themselves. Let us take as an example the two great picture sales which came off this week at the Dusseldorf and Derby galleries. The first of the collections thus disposed of cost its owner, Mr. Wolfe, between forty and fifty thousand dollars. It brought under the hammer one hundred and ten thousand. The sale at the Derby Gallery realized between thirty and forty thousand dollars. The fact of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars being thus expended in a single week, at a time when the cost of living has run up from fifty to seventy-five per cent more than it was four years ago, furnishes a striking commentary on the predictions with which we were favored by the European press at the commencement of the war. But it suggests something more. If a collector can thus easily double his capital, as Mr. Wolfe has done, a taste for pictures is not such a ruinous one as it is assumed to be. Mr. Belmont once said that if he were not a banker he would be a picture dealer. It is true that he is one of those men who would make money at anything; but the remark is founded on the fact that there is nothing which affords a wider field for speculation, or which yields more certain profits to those who are posted in such matters. It is noteworthy that a large proportion of the pictures disposed of at these sales pass into the hands of parties who are not regular collectors, and who content themselves with the acquisition of a few first class works. This would argue a more widely diffused taste for the arts than we are accustomed to claim for ourselves, and forms another gratifying feature in our national progress.

Recruiting—How Things Are Done.

Does Greeley want a conscription? We judge so from the indifference he evinces in regard to the efforts being made to procure volunteers for the army. Our city authorities have been laboring for months in this laudable business. The Supervisors have appropriated $2,000,000 for this purpose, committees are appointed, rooms are prepared, and the work is going on under the superintendence of Supervisor Blunt most commendably; but we hear not one word of encouragement from Greeley. He noses about among the new recruits on Riker's Island—especially among the woolly headed ones—to discover who has been cheated out of any part of his bounty money, and on his universal plea of philanthropy raises the whites of his eyes in utter astonishment at the corruptions of the day. He knows perfectly well that cases of fraud are constantly brought before Supervisor Blunt for correction; for he has seen full detailed statements of such in the columns of the HERALD. But he is blind to such facts, and by implication would cast the odium of all those fraudulent acts upon the committee, and thus throw obstacles in the way of volunteering. Greeley's philanthropy always exceeds his honesty, though he makes them both the base of his political capital. In Congress he will cry out against the corrupt mileage system, and turn round and coolly pocket his quota. He will denounce the whole lobby system and its agents, and carry off a one thousand dollar check in behalf of the Desmoines Improvement Company. He will utter daily philippics against government contractors, and at the same moment have a gun contract hidden away within the leaves of his office Bible—if he owns one. He will denounce the Albany lobby and city railroad grants, and be the probable fortunate holder in prospective piles of stock.

He will cry and preach for honest men to fill our public offices of honor and trust, and whenever his party happens to put up one of this class—as in the late case of Supervisor Blunt, for Mayor—he kills him outright, or damns him with faint praise, to effect the same object. The case of Blunt is a notable instance in point. Here was a man who is far better than he looks—(we can't say the same of Greeley)—a sort of rough diamond, known to be honest, and who was the republican candidate for Mayor. Blunt's speciality has ever been reform in our city government and economy in the administration of its affairs, with a view to reduce taxation—the very qualities Greeley professes to admire. One would suppose, then, that he would have given him the warm and earnest support of his strawberry plant paper. Did he do it? Not at all. He talked everything but Blunt—preached everything but Blunt—went all round the bush—contrived to scatter the republican vote among the other candidates, in whom Greeley found something to commend; and of course Blunt was sold by his supposed friends. Had Greeley given him that earnest support he and his party were entitled to receive, he would have made a better show. Why was this? Simply because he could not wheedle and keep him in leading strings—because he did not belong to Greeley's "ring"—and because Blunt was a gun manufacturer, which interfered materially with his own (Greeley's) gun contract. In this little political *coup d'etat* Greeley was ably seconded by the "Little Villain" of the *Times*, who is as sleek and nimble as a weasel, and who is just as fond of poaching on neighboring henroosts as is that little animal. He played second fiddle to Greeley, but from different motives. He played in and out—balanced between Boole and Gunther, and threw his own republican candidate higher than a kite. A precious couple to be the leaders of the republican party!

But, as we said at the commencement of this article, the government wants men for the army. Every effort is being made by local authorities, here and elsewhere, to raise their several quotas by volunteering, to save us from the hardships of a conscription. Does either the *Times* or *Tribune* encourage volunteering? Do they call upon the masses to rush to the Supervisors' volunteering agency rooms, receive their three hundred dollars bounty, and shoulder the musket for the flag? Do they entreat our local committees, loyal leagues and the like, to lend their assistance to Supervisor Blunt in raising our quota? Not at all. These republican shoots *par excellence* are dumb as an oyster, and never open their mouths in commendation of the acts of the committee, or say one word to encourage the people to rush to the battle field. Greeley will harp about a nigger being cheated by a broker out of fifty dollars of his bounty money; Raymond will write his silly editorials about the corruption of the Central Railroad direction, but not a syllable in favor of the Supervisors' committee to raise our quota of volunteers. They probably both want a draft, because they are safe from its application—Greeley, on account of hydrocephalus, or something of that sort; Raymond, owing to his Magenta husband-ary and want of inches.

We pass them both over to Blunt, and recommend that he let them down his trap door into the lower regions, among his raw recruits, who can roast them both to their hearts' content. In the meantime let volunteering go on; let all general orders that prove obstacles in the way of this grand object be set aside; let us encourage Blunt and his committee in securing every man to be had for love or money, and save ourselves from a conscription, even though one is desired by what are called the republican organs.

THE FRENCH IN MEXICO.—By the latest advices from Mexico we learn that the position of the French invaders of that country is becoming very precarious. The Church party, which up to the present time has been in league with the French, has at last quarrelled with them, and the Archbishop of Mexico, who was the great reliance of the invaders, has resigned his position, and become a bitter opponent of his former allies. He caused the Cathedral in the city of Mexico to be closed. General Bazaine, however, planted cannon in front of that edifice, and threatened to blow off its portals. Such urgent appeals had their effect, and the doors of the church were opened. But this action of the French commander has, of course, rendered the Mexicans still more bitterly opposed to his rule.

In addition to this new and unpleasant phase of affairs for the French must be taken into consideration the fact that the Mexican government has organized bands of guerillas, who pillage and murder the invaders on all sides. To such an extent is this ceaseless warfare carried that the French are troubled as regards their supplies, and need a large force to keep open their communications with the coast. It may readily be conjectured that when Prince Maximilian hears of this state of affairs in his future empire he will consider the whole matter as most dangerous and uncertain, and that he will feel called upon to decline the unenviable honors Napoleon the Third is so anxious to thrust upon him. We have prophesied, over and over again, that the Austrian prince would never be so foolish as to accept the Mexican throne. We are at present more than ever convinced of the fact.

The French will soon find that coming some three thousand miles to invade eight millions of people is no easy matter, and they will seek some method of withdrawing from their false position as soon as possible. If not, the Mexicans will, we dare say, show them the way out of the country. Decidedly, the Emperor of the French made a most absurd blunder when he invaded Mexico, while he has covered himself with ridicule by his bombastic assumptions in the matter. He should have taken our advice, and gone away long ago.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 1863.

BOUNTIES TO BE PAID AFTER THE 5TH OF JANUARY.

The Adjutant General's office has telegraphed to all the army commanders that a law has been passed to the effect that no bounties, except such as are now provided by law, will be paid to any persons enlisting after the 5th of January next. The only bounty provided by law is the one hundred dollars authorized by section five of the act of July, 1861. The commanding officers are accordingly required to secure all re-enlistments of veteran volunteers possible before January 5, and give immediate publicity to this circular.

THE ROBBERY IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The abstraction of funds from the Redemption Bureau of the Treasury Department, by the chief clerk of that bureau—Charles H. Cornwall—has been the principal topic of remark here to-day. He was this afternoon transferred to the Old Capitol prison, having confessed his guilt, the evidence being so strong against him as to preclude any opportunity of escaping conviction. He has hitherto stood well in the community, and was generally considered an honorable and honest man.

The manner in which the money was abstracted was this. The notes redeemed and ordered to be burnt were put up in packages, each denomination by itself; when they reached an hundred they were cut lengthwise and the halves sent, one package to the Secretary and the other to the Register, when they were counted, and if the amounts tallied they were then sent down to be burned, which operation was superintended by Cornwall. As the packages were cast into the fire he would manage to pocket a package of each half, and would then take from the whole notes in his charge a similar amount and send the cut packages to be again counted. As the number and amount of the notes were all right, the trick was unsuspected, until at one of the burnings a boy who was present saw him pocket the notes and revealed the fact, which led to his being watched, and the halves sent up to be counted to be compared, when it was found that the upper and lower halves of a portion of them did not match, and his guilt was fastened upon him.

The amount abstracted, as near as can be ascertained, is about one hundred thousand dollars, which he had invested in five-twenty bonds. These bonds have been seized, and it is believed that little, if any, loss will accrue to the government. The excuse he gives is, that finding the facility with which the government could be robbed he concluded that everybody was stealing and detection almost impossible, and he might as well improve his opportunities.

A THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND MISSING.

It is understood that one of the thousand dollar five-twenty bonds is missing from the printing room of the Treasury Department. The bond, at the time of its disappearance, was all completed with the exception of the United States seal. The matter has thus far been kept very quiet, but the perpetrator of the robbery has not yet been arrested.

HOLIDAY EXODUS FROM THE CAPITAL—CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

Most of the members of Congress have left the city to spend the holidays at their homes. The avenue and hotels show plainly the extent of the exodus which has taken place since the adjournment. There is but little news stirring, everybody appearing to have given themselves up to the festivities of the season. There will be provision made for entertainments to the sick and wounded in many of the hospitals to-morrow, and this Christmas promises to be indeed a merry one in this city.

SHAMEFUL TREATMENT OF RECRUITS.

Great indignation has been aroused among the troops of this department by the manner in which recruits have been treated on the trip from New York to Alexandria. A few days since a steamer arrived here with a number of men who had been supplied with rations for the voyage, but with no means of cooking them, and the recruits were compelled to purchase food of the steward of the transport, who charged one dollar for a cup of coffee, one dollar and a half for a plate of beans, and fifteen cents per canteen for water. Those unable to make these purchases subsisted upon crackers and sugar. This case is an exceptional one, but it is somewhat remarkable that officers of a chartered steamer should be retained in the service after the perpetration of such acts.

TROUBLE AMONG THE ABOLITIONISTS—STAMPEDE OF CONTRABANDS.

No little amusement has been occasioned of late by the jealousy existing among the New England philanthropists who have inundated Washington for the purpose of figuring in the bureau established for the care of contrabands. Upon the promulgation of the order of the War Department to remove all contrabands in camp to Col. Greene's colony at Arlington, some of these "disinterested evangelists" circulated among the negroes a report that they were to be sent South to pick cotton in the sections occupied by our forces, causing a general stampede. Some are now returning, but a large number are still roving about, fearing a return to Dixie should they venture to call upon the authorities for assistance.

THE REBELLIOUS INDIANS AND THE EMANCIPATION AND AMNESTY PROCLAMATIONS.

As the terms of the President's emancipation and amnesty proclamations do not in words include the Indian Territory, efforts are being made by the Indian Bureau to adjust the difficulties growing out of certain Indians having made common cause with the rebel government, and to base the settlement on the principles asserted in those proclamations. Already the Creeks have negotiated a treaty with this government, providing for the abolition of slavery among them as a condition of their being reinstated in the enjoyment of the benefits which they forfeited by their disloyalty, and similar treaties are contemplated with the Choctaws and Cherokees. The latter, through their own council, have provided for freeing their slaves; but a stipulation for that end is required in a new treaty.

THE REVISION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Sumner introduced a bill to provide for the revision and consolidation of the statutes of the United States, which is as follows:—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled—That the President of the United States be, and is hereby, directed, by and with the advice of the Senate, to appoint three persons learned in the law as commissioners to revise, simplify, arrange and consolidate all the statutes of the United States, general and permanent in their nature, which shall be in force at the time such commissioners may make their final report of their doings.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in performing this duty the commissioners shall bring together all statutes and parts of statutes which from similarity of subject ought to be brought together, omitting redundant or obsolete enactments, and making such alterations as may be necessary to reconcile the contradictions, supply the omissions, and amend the imperfections of the original text; and they shall arrange the same under titles, chapters and sections, and other suitable divisions and subdivisions, with [illegible] notes briefly expressive of the matter contained in such divisions; also with side notes so drawn as to point to the contents of the text; and with references to the original text from which each section is compiled, and to the decisions of federal courts explaining or expounding the same, and also to such decisions of the State courts as they may deem expedient; and they shall provide by a temporary index, or other expedient means, for an easy reference to every portion of their report.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when the commissioners have completed the revision and consolidation of the statutes as aforesaid, they shall cause a copy of the same in print to be submitted to Congress, that the statutes so revised and consolidated may be re-enacted if Congress shall so determine, and at the same time they shall also suggest to Congress such contradictions, omissions and imperfections as may appear in the original text, with the mode in which they have reconciled, supplied and amended the same, and they may also designate such statutes, or parts of statutes, as in their judgment ought to be repealed, with their reasons for such repeal.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners shall be authorized to cause their work to be printed in parts, so fast as it may be ready for the press, and to distribute copies of the same to members of Congress, and to such other persons, in limited numbers, as they may see fit, for the purpose of obtaining their suggestions, and they shall from time to time report to Congress their progress and doings.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the statutes so revised and consolidated shall be reported to Congress as soon as practicable, and the whole work closed without unnecessary delay.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners shall each receive as compensation for his services at the rate of three thousand dollars per year for two years, with the reasonable expenses of clerical service and other incidental matters, not to exceed two thousand dollars in the whole for such expenses.

PUBLIC LANDS TO WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA.

Under the act approved July 2, 1862, "donating lands for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," the State of Wisconsin has selected in the land district of Menasha, Stevens' Point, Eau Claire and Falls St. Croix, two hundred and forty thousand acres, being the quantity to which said State is entitled by virtue of said act. The State of Minnesota has selected at the Winnebago City Land Office fifty-nine thousand acres under the same act.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, for his approval, a list of lands within the six mile limits of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad, enuring to the State of Wisconsin under the act of Congress approved June 3, 1856, containing three hundred and twenty-four thousand seven hundred and four acres.

BUREAU OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

In consequence of the immense accumulation of business in the office of the Judge Advocate General, it has been found necessary to create a new bureau, for the re-examination of evidence before courts martial, in cases where officers dismissed the service are applying for reappointment. Captain Dennis, formerly of General Rufus King's staff, has been placed in charge of this bureau.

A SPY SENT TO PRISON.

R. I. Hayden, a smuggler and rebel spy was sent to the Old Capitol this morning.

DEPARTURE OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

The Russian fleet, which left Alexandria yesterday, anchored last night with the flotilla, about forty miles below the city, and sailed this morning for Hampton Roads, where the vessels will winter.

ADDITIONAL ARRESTS OF QUARTERMASTER'S EMPLOYES.

Arrests are still being made of clerks and other parties connected with the Quartermaster's Department at Alexandria. The frauds, it is believed, are far more extensive than was at first supposed. From the fact that the officer whose duty it was to purchase forage for the army had appointed his brother inspector of hay, and a son of the principal contractor inspector of grain, there is every reason to believe that no means have been neglected whereby money could be made at the expense of the government.

THE CORN AND WHISKEY TRADE.

The effect of the large demand for corn for distilling purposes upon the supply for military and ordinary consumption is attracting attention in official circles. The decrease in the crop this year, as shown by the agricultural report for November, exceeds one hundred and thirty millions of bushels. The decreased export demand will compensate for a portion of this deficiency. The expectation of an additional tax on high wines has greatly increased the demand for corn and other grains for distilling purposes, and it is intimated that, in view of the large necessities of the government, which must be supplied while the war lasts, the military orders forbidding the distillation of grain in Kentucky and Tennessee will be extended to Ohio and Illinois at an early day. The present extensive consumption of corn for distillation will thus be checked, and the prices of grain be reduced to the benefit of the government and other consumers.

RELEASE OF REBEL PRISONERS.

Four hundred and eighteen rebels have, within the last few days, been released from the Old Capitol and allowed to go North upon taking the oath of allegiance. Over a hundred remain who have expressed a desire to do likewise.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

After the 1st of January the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron will be relieved from duty in the Chesapeake bay, north of York river, by the gunboats of the Potomac flotilla.

THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD.

Commodore Montgomery will relieve Commodore Harwood of the command of the Washington Navy Yard on the 1st of January. At the same time the popular executive officer of the yard, Commander F. A. Parker, will assume the command of the Potomac flotilla.

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN VIRGINIA.

The Legislature of Virginia in session at Alexandria recently passed an act to provide for the election of a convention, to assemble at Alexandria on February 14, 1864, to amend the State constitution. The object of the convention is to remove the constitutional restrictions upon State action looking to the abolition of slavery, and make the constitution conformable to the changed condition of the State by the separation of West Virginia. Strict provisions are made in the act to confine the voting exclusively to loyal men.

POST OFFICE AGENT FOR MAINE.

Mr. Hammel, of Maine, is to be appointed special agent of the Post Office Department for Maine, vice Mr. Ordway, elected Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives has appointed as his chief clerk Clinton Lloyd, of Williamsburg, Pa., a war democrat in politics.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR COAL IN THE GENERATION OF STEAM.

The report of the commission appointed by the Navy Department, consisting of three chief engineers, who have made careful experiments for two months, showing the practicability of using petroleum or hydro carbon oils for the purpose of generating steam, has been issued, and proves satisfactorily, it is said by those who have seen it, that the results show a great saving, not only for merchant steamers, but that a naval steamer can keep the sea under steam three times as long, with less labor and greater economy as compared with coal, equal weights of each being considered, thus indicating a complete revolution in the mode of generating steam.

THE NATIONAL BANKS OF NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

The necessary papers have been issued from the Treasury Department for the establishment of a national bank at New Orleans, with a capital of half a million of dollars, under the national currency act; also for a third bank at St. Louis, with a capital of over a million of dollars, with the privilege and prospect of increasing it five millions of dollars.

THE APPLICATIONS FOR COMMISSIONS IN THE COLORED REGIMENTS.

Of one thousand and fifty-one applicants for commissions in negro regiments, five hundred and sixty have been recommended by the board for appointment, viz:—for colonels, five; lieutenant colonels, ten; majors, twenty-five; captains, one hundred and four; first lieutenants, one hundred and fifty-three, second lieutenants, two hundred and sixty-three.

BRIGADIER GENERAL OF COLORED TROOPS.

Upon the recommendation of Major General Grant, Colonel L. A. Chetlain, of the Twelfth Illinois Volunteers, has been appointed brigadier general to command colored troops.

MEETING OF TELEGRAPHERS.

A meeting of telegraph operators was held on Sunday to ratify and adopt the constitution framed by the National Convention of Telegraph Operators, held in the city of New York last November. Twenty-five names were placed on the roll, and the constitution was unanimously adopted. A district organization was perfected by electing William H. Young as director, T. N. Doucke as treasurer, and Frederick W. Royce as secretary. A district organization will soon be commenced at Alexandria, Va. The meeting shows that the association is in a flourishing condition in this section.

THE TALLOW AND HIDE CONTRACT.

The giving out of the contract for hides and tallow of animals slaughtered here on government account has been postponed until the 29th inst. The announcement that it had been awarded was premature.

THE PASSPORT SYSTEM.

Seizure of the Steamship George Cromwell, with a Quantity of Powder and Percussion Caps for the Rebels.

Arrest of Suspicious Characters on Board.

SEVERAL FIRMS IN THIS CITY IMPLICATED.

Operations of Surveyor Andrews and Marshal Murray,

&c., &c., &c.

On Wednesday afternoon information was sent to Surveyor Andrews that the steamship George Cromwell, sailing between this port and New Orleans, was about to take on board a quantity of powder and percussion caps in kegs, concealed in barrels, surrounded by potatoes.

Immediately on receipt of this intelligence the Surveyor despatched officers to watch the suspected vessel. They were not long in waiting when a carman arrived at the pier and deposited a load of aid and comfort for the rebels, in the shape of the combustibles above specified, on board the Cromwell. The next proceeding of the officers was to trace the carman on his return trip for another and another load, and the result was the discovery that the contraband goods came from the house of a well known firm in Cortlandt street, the names of which are at present withheld—probably for prudential reasons. The Surveyor hereupon sent his deputy, Mr. Brown, to take possession of the store in question, and simultaneously the ship was boarded, a large quantity of powder and caps seized, and several of the officers were arrested. The Cromwell was to have sailed at nine o'clock yesterday morning with her contraband cargo, and, as will be seen, was caught in the nick of time.

Yesterday morning Marshal Murray and his efficient squad of detectives were on hand to examine the passengers, having information that they were not exactly all of the right stamp. Several of them were consequently arrested after due examination. The evidence, it is said, implicates some of the officers of the ship and several influential firms in this city, who have hitherto claimed to be loyal and true to our government, but who thought they might with perfect safety engage in the contraband trade to put money in their already plethoric purses. The case is now under examination by the authorities, and has caused quite an excitement among the parties implicated.

It is the determination of the authorities that this system of smuggling, to the detriment of the government of the United States, shall be promptly stopped.

Some of the parties arrested are said to have turned State's evidence, and the developments will probably lead to the detection and speedy punishment of all attempting to aid the rebellion in this fashion.

Beyond this nothing can at present be laid before the public, as everything in connection with the seizure and arrests was kept a profound secret.

It may be interesting to state, however, that the George Cromwell is owned by the Messrs. Cromwell, Seaman & Clarke, of No. 85 West street, who also own the Chesapeake, lately seized by pirates.

It is understood that some very interesting facts in relation to this affair will be developed in a day or two.

The following is a correct list of the vessels which were granted clearances by Marshal Murray yesterday:—

Ship American Eagle, schooner Alida, schooner Ocean Wave, schooner Maria Lunt, steamer Kingfisher, schooner Francis Satterlee, schooner Selah B. Strong, steamer Sea Gull, ship Bridgwater, steamer Continental, steamer Bridgport, schooner Apancort, steamer City of Norwich, schooners W. C. Nelson, Eliza Farrell, Delphic, Sarah Wooster, Colonel Lester, L. O. Foster, Roslyn, Eclipse, Sarah, Italian frigate; ships Empire State, S. R. Evans, John R. Clark, Wm. Crawford, J. & D. Cranmer, P. M. Wheaton and W. W. Marcy; schooners Cruise, Lamartine, Mary Eva, Avon, Maryland, E. A. de Hart, Sarah Mills; steamers Detroit and Vanderbilt; schooner Defiance, bark Trogon, steamer Hudson, schooner Conrad Fox, ship Peruvian, schooners Morris and Thomas Page, sloop Glen Cove, bark Fanny Elsler, schooner J. H. Coanco, sloop Martha Anida, schooners W. P. Williams, James G. Huntington, Island Belle; sloop Eliza Ann, brig Charles Heath, sloop Rebecca Merritt, brig Albert Adams, bark Champion, schooners Charles D. Hallock, Ellen H. Gott, Mary L. Compton, G. P. Taylor, Carrie Wells, S. M. Tyler, bark Bounding Billow; schooner Lavina Jane, sloop John L. Franklin, brig Ocean Belle, schooners Newkirk, Eliza, Fairdealer and First Effort.

THE CHESAPEAKE.

Additional Particulars of the Pursuit and Capture—The Rescue at Halifax.

[From the Boston Traveller, Dec. 23.]

The Ella and Annie left the Navy Yard on the 10th inst., in command of Lieutenant Commanding John F. Nickels, with seventy-five officers and men on board. She had for an armament two twelve pound howitzers and two twenty-four pound howitzers.

On the 12th they arrived at Eastport, and took two pilots on board. Here they ascertained that the pirates were at Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, twenty-five miles from Halifax. They at once started for that place; but on arrival they were prevented by heavy winds from entering.

Captain Nickels then went into Halifax and coaled. There he learned from the American Consul that the Chesapeake was in Lahave river. He left Halifax at eleven o'clock at night on the 15th, arrived at Lahave, and was informed that she had left the evening before for Lunenburg. He proceeded to that port, where he learned that the Chesapeake was then in Mud Cove, Sambro harbor. Arrived off Mud Cove at three o'clock in the morning, at daybreak perceived the Chesapeake at anchor and saw a boat leave for the shore.

The American flag was then run up on the Chesapeake with the union down. They ran alongside her, and found three men on board, two of whom had been prisoners on board. One was the first engineer and the other a fireman.

The chief engineer said that he had received very harsh treatment. He was not allowed to leave the engine room, and a man stood beside him constantly with a revolver pointed at his head.

No arms were found on the Chesapeake except two old six pounders, used for firing salutes. When the Ella and Annie first saw the Chesapeake a schooner was seen along side supplying her with coal, which hauled off as soon as she saw the new comer.

Captain Nickels sent a boat's crew on board of her, and found cozily stowed away one of the original pirates, whom one of the crew, formerly a member of the Boston police, recognized as a well known New York thief, who has been in our lockup time and again, and who has passed several terms in Sing Sing, in blissful ignorance of the world beyond.

Of the three men found on board the Chesapeake one was a pilot, who had arrived in company with an engineer the night before, from Halifax. He said he was engaged to pilot the vessel to Nassau.

When the Ella and Annie discovered the Chesapeake the pirates were all in bed, and it was not until the lookout watch saw the steamer that they were aware that an enemy was hovering near them.

They at once took their boat and pushed for the shore, leaving on the cabin table a warm breakfast ready to be partaken of. They had previously sold to the schooner five or six thousand dollars worth of the cargo for one-sixth of the value, and the chief engineer said they had goods stored ashore.

The next step of Captain Nickels was to direct his course for Boston, and after provisioning his prize and placing a prize crew on board he took the Chesapeake in tow.

He arrived at Halifax at four P. M. on Thursday, and on Saturday, at three P. M., delivered the Chesapeake up to the British government. The wharf was crowded with people, as it had been from the hour of their arrival. Ensign Coghlan took the prisoner captured from the schooner ashore, and was about to surrender him to the Provincial Marshal, when he jumped from the wharf into a boat in which were two men, who pulled off with him.

This was the last seen of the prisoner, though the officers have good reason for believing that all the pirates were prowling about Halifax when they arrived there. When the Ella and Annie entered the Halifax harbor with the Chesapeake in tow the report was circulated that the order of things was reversed, and that the Yankee was the prisoner, "a consummation most devoutly to be wished," but happily not executed for their delectation.

The officers also believe that Captain Braine, the chief of the pirates, visited the Ella and Annie while she was at Halifax, for a man was pointed out to them as him, who had been on board of their vessel.

Some of the officers who went on shore were accosted with salutations more energetic than polite, and with the appellation of Yankee were coupled epithets less entertaining. At other times again they were in no way molested.

At the instigation of some American citizens Captain Braine, the pirate commander, was arrested and held in custody three hours; but before they could obtain legal authority he escaped.

It is generally believed that the British government will deliver the Chesapeake up, as the citizens of Halifax and the press seem to consider her seizure a piratical act.

The Chesapeake Again.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1863.

Your general articles on the Chesapeake affair are no doubt very sensible, and, as usual, to the point. However, I would like you to say whether or not our government—departing for a little while from that patriarchal forbearance which is its most prominent characteristic—would not have been justified in adopting a more energetic course in the matter of the Chesapeake, by the precedents established by England herself in the burning of the American steamboat Caroline in an American harbor, in 1838, and by the destruction of the celebrated American privateer General Armstrong, in the Portuguese port of Fayal, and under the very batteries of a Portuguese fort, in 1814? Why should not our navy officers take, on certain occasions, the example of Captain Ingraham in the celebrated Koszta affair? These are not the times for white kid glove diplomacy, and the best plenipotentiaries of all are the muzzles of good Parrott guns, generally so well manned by our plucky tars. L. N. TINELLI,

Late Lieutenant Colonel.

The National Bank Currency.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW FIVE DOLLAR NOTES.

The Continental Bank Note Company, of this city, have just completed a large batch of notes for the new national banks provided for in the act of Congress approved on the 25th day of February last. About one hundred and fifty-seven banks have already been organized under the act—some of them in places where there were never banks in existence before. This is a peculiarity which grows out of the novelty of the system, the old banking institutions being slow to yield to the innovation. The theory upon which the national banks are formed consists mainly in the substitution of government faith for State securities. In other words, one third of their capital consists of United States bonds deposited with the Treasurer at Washington. The notes are supplied by the government itself, being prepared by contract by the most skilful bank note associations in the country.

The Continental Bank Note Company was awarded the contract for the five dollar notes, which is the lowest denomination of the new currency.

The batch prepared are of the First National Bank of Washington, D. C. As the introduction of these new bills may be said to open a new era in the history of our national currency, a short description of the national bank notes will not be inappropriate in this connection. It may be stated at the start, by the way, that the plates, designs and appearance of all these notes will be the same for all the States, with the single and necessary exception of the local names and numbers.

The face of the notes may be briefly described as follows:—

At the left hand corner of the face is a vignette representing Columbus sighting land. He is standing on shipboard, and in the act of pointing out the shore of Guanahani, while a figure, kneeling, is seen pointing in the same direction, and looking into the face of the great discoverer. In the immediate foreground is another figure with a cross in clasped hands, and the face turned heavenwards, in thanksgiving to the Almighty. The background is occupied by a priest and other figures, while on the sail above the word "five" is engraved in highly ornamental letters. This design, it will be noticed, is historical, and this is in compliance with the wish of President Lincoln, who hinted his desire on the subject in his letter inviting proposals.

The vignette on the left hand side of the face contains an allegorical representation, which is also another idea of Mr. Lincoln's. It consists of a picture of Columbus presenting America, in the form of an Indian maiden, to the Old World, personified by three figures, representing Europe, Asia and Africa. In the foliage overhead is the figure five, handsomely ornamented.

The border of the face is composed of the word five, scroll work, consisting of grape leaves, and the figure 5, alternating in panels. The novel peculiarity of the border is that no two words, figures or scrolls are exactly alike, having been varied purposely, so that the counterfeiter may not be able to imitate the note by repeating small portions, as is frequently noticed in spurious money. In order to imitate these notes the counterfeiter will find it necessary to engrave the whole with the minutest nicety.

The legend of the face, or that portion which is to be read, contains the following inscriptions:—

NATIONAL CURRENCY
This note is secured by bonds of
THE UNITED STATES,
Deposited
with the U. S. Treasurer at Washington.
L. E. CHITTENDEN,
Register of the Treasury. F. E. SPINNER,
Treasurer of the United States.

The First National Bank of Washington will pay the bearer, on demand, Five Dollars. Washington, Nov. 21, 1863, District of Columbia.

The former inscription will be common to the national bank notes in all the States, while the latter gives an illustration of the necessary deviation required by local names and numbers.

In the lower margin of the face are found the words, "Act approved Feb. 25, 1863." The spaces beneath each vignette are left vacant for the signatures of the president and cashier of the bank.

The back of the note displays another beautiful exhibition of ingenuity and taste. The principal vignette is a large oval, extending over the greater part of the back, reproducing Vanderlyn's famous picture in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, representing the landing of Columbus. The picture is printed in black, as are also the legends which surround it. The upper legend is as follows:—

This note is receivable at par in all parts of the United States in payment of all taxes and excises and all other dues to the United States, except duties on imports; and also for all salaries and all other debts and demands owing by the United States to individuals, corporations and associations within the United States, except interest on public debt.

The lower legend is as follows:—

Every person making or engraving, or aiding to make or engrave, or passing or attempting to pass, any imitation or alteration of this note, and every person having in possession a plate or impression made in imitation of it, or any paper made in imitation of that on which this note is printed, is, by act of Congress, approved 25th of February, 1863, guilty of felony, and subject to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding fifteen years, or both.

The border and pieces are printed in green. The border is made up of the figure 5 on a shield repeated. In the top border occur the words "national currency."

The end piece to the left contains an oval with a figure symbolical of the District of Columbia, exquisitely engraved, the name of the District being engraved in the cloud work. The oval at the right end contains the eagle on the national shield, with the cypher "U. S." in the sky. The two upper corners have each the word "five" engraved on the face of the scroll work, while the two lower corners have the figure 5 engraved on lathe work.

The Camp on Riker's Island.

HOW MATTERS ARE GOING ON THERE—A SYSTEM OF DESERTION BROKEN UP—THE COLORED BATTALION—THE CAMP TO BE REMOVED TO HART'S ISLAND, ETC.

Matters on Riker's Island are progressing very favorably, an average of two hundred volunteers and conscripts arriving daily. They are sent to the front almost as fast as they arrive. There are three battalions now there—one comprising the detachments sent on for the purpose of taking conscripts and volunteers to the front, another composed of the volunteers and conscripts, and another of colored men. There are also two companies of the Eighth regulars. Although the utmost discipline is carried out, an occasional desertion takes place, not, however, through any neglect of the officers, but through an organized gang of boatmen, who have a set of accomplices on the island. These boatmen got from $50 to $150 apiece from deserters generally. They come when all is very dark, with muffled oars, and with the aid of their pals on the island are enabled to elude the vigilance of the officers and sentries.

On Monday night Captain Connery, of the One Hundred and Seventieth New York Volunteers, discovered that six of his command had arranged to leave that night, and that they had paid a private on the island fifty dollars apiece for the purpose of procuring them the means of escape. Captain Connery immediately set to work to investigate the matter, and succeeded, through the valuable aid of Captain Washburn, Provost Marshal, in not only preventing the men from escaping, but also in arresting the private who received the fifty dollars apiece from the men. A portion of the money (two hundred and fifty dollars) was recovered, besides the boat which was to convey them from the island, and four cases of whiskey. On the following day two other privates were arrested as accessories in the matter, so that the combination is completely broken up.

The black battalion are becoming very strong, and are drilled twice every day by competent officers.

New barracks are in process of erection at Hart's Island, for the accommodation of the different commands on Riker's Island. They will be completed, it is expected, about the middle of next month, and it is said that they are being built with a view to the comfort of both officers and men. The present quarters on Riker's Island are very much exposed, and the change to Hart's Island will be quite welcome to the officers detached there on special service.

Arrival of the Asia at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 24, 1863.

The steamship Asia arrived here at seven P. M.

Musical.

To-night the artists of Mr. Maretzek will appear in Gounod's Faust. The performance will doubtless be very brilliant. To add to the completeness of the cast, Signor Bellini will assume the rôle of Valentine, sung before by Signor Yppolito.

On Saturday morning there will be a grand matinee at the Academy of Music, on which occasion Don Giovanni will be sung.

On Saturday morning there will also be the popular matinee at Irving Hall. Mr. Theodore Thomas offers a most attractive programme for this concert.

In the evening a "patriotic reunion" will take place at the Academy of Music, in aid of the New England Soldiers' Relief Association.

Literary Intelligence.

A short time since we noticed the extraordinary sale which Renan's "Life of Jesus" had attained in France notwithstanding the virulence with which it had been assailed. Although it has been published only a few months, upwards of one hundred thousand copies of the first expensive edition have already been disposed of. The work is advertised for immediate publication here by Carleton.

Mr. W. H. Russell is about to publish, under the title of "Canada: its Defences, Condition and Resources," an account of his travels in that country during the winter of 1861.

A new novel by Richard B. Kimball, the author of "Under-Currents of Wall street," is announced. It is entitled "Was He Successful?"

A fresh delay has occurred in the publication of the fourth volume of Irving's "Life and Letters." The fault lies with the London publisher, who has taken the liberty of interpolating two chapters in the London edition of the third volume, which it is now considered necessary to introduce in the fourth before it is published here.

Mrs. Sarah A. Wright's new novel, "Clara Hollingbrook, or the Beauty of Fairfax"—a tale of the war—has been published by Doolady.

It is not often that a man of letters obtains such a testimonial to his merits as Dr. John Strang, author of "Glasgow and its Clubs," has lately received from his fellow citizens. This consisted of plate worth two hundred guineas, with a purse of £4,200.

Another satirical novel by Henry Morford, entitled "The Days of Shoddy," has just made its appearance. His "Shoulder Straps" is said to have already run through five editions.

Mrs. Ann S. Stephens' "Rejected Wife," is one of the best tales that has emanated from the pen of that gifted writer. The plot is ingeniously constructed, and the characters are drawn with great skill. Peterson, of Philadelphia, is the publisher.

Bradbury & Evans, of London, announce a new novel by Mark Lemon. The title is an attractive one—"Wait for the End."

The patrons of the Opera will be glad to learn that Smith, Elder & Co., of London, have just published, under the title of "Queens of Song," memoirs of all the celebrated vocalists who have appeared on the lyric stage from its earliest days to the present time.

A new novel, by Mrs. Henry Wood, entitled "The Shadow of Ashlydyat," is announced.

Bentley has in the press a history of the British Navy, by Mr. Charles D. Yonge. The work has been prepared from official documents and by authority of the English Board of Admiralty.

The new tale by George Sand, "Mademoiselle la Quintinie," has already passed through several editions, and is likely to equal in popularity any of her former stories.

The London Athenæum cuts up unmercifully the work called "The Battle Fields of the South," written by an Englishman in the rebel army, and republished here by Bradburn. Of the inconsistencies of statement with which it is filled some idea may be formed from the fact that in one page he lauds the subordination which characterizes the Southern army; in another he represents the privates as grumbling against their officers, and turning upon them with ferocious violence. Describing the murder of a regimental officer on parade by an infuriated common soldier, he says:—"In an instant the rifle was dropped, the bowie knife flashed, and the officer lay dead on the turf, stabbed five or six times in as many seconds. The company did not stir, but looked on and applauded; the culprit quietly wiped his knife, resumed his place in the ranks, and dress parade proceeded as if nothing had happened. Courts martial could not—or, at all events, did not—attempt to exercise any jurisdiction in this or similar cases; they were reckoned affairs of self-defence or 'honor.'" Such facts as these cannot but produce an effect on the most prejudiced of Southern sympathizers abroad.

Military law has now become common law, and we cannot do our readers a better service than to recommend them to supply themselves with "Callan's Compilation of the Military Laws," embracing all the acts of Congress on the subject of the army, volunteers, militia bounties and pensions, from the commencement of the government to the present day. The work is now the text book of the army, and the fact that its accuracy is vouched for by our leading generals is a high recommendation in its favor.

A most interesting and instructive biography is the "Life of Amelia Sieveking," the Florence Nightingale of Germany, which has recently been published by the Longmans of London. Whilst still almost a child, this remarkable woman wrote an essay upon the character of Diogenes—a curious indication of the contempt for superfluous comfort and self-indulgence which marked her after life.

The third volume of Dr. Vaughan's "Revolutions in English History," has just made its appearance. It comprises a number of interesting historical essays, in which the stormy days of Charles the First, and the brief and melancholy career of James the Second, occupy the most prominent places.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The following is a complete list of the new publications received at the HERALD Office to November 21:—

GENERAL LITERATURE.

Live it Down. A Story of the Light Lands. By J. C. Jeaffreson. Published by Harper & Brothers.

Broken Columns. A novel. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York.

Daily Walk with Wise Men, or Religious Exercises for every day in the year. By Rev. Nelson Head. Published by Harper & Brothers.

The Ring of Amasis. By Robert Bulwer Lytton. (Owen Meredith). Published by Harper & Brothers.

Chrestomathie Française. A French Reading Book. By William J. Knapp. Published by Harper & Brothers.

Pique. A novel. Published by Loring, Boston.

Guide for Catholic Young Women, especially those who earn their own living. By the Rev. George Deshon. Published by D. & J. Sadlier.

Good Society, or Contrasts of Character. By Mrs. Grey. Published by John Bradburn.

Breakfasts in Bed, or Philosophy Between the Sheets. By George Augustus Sala. Published by John Bradburn.

Roundabout Papers. By W. M. Thackeray. With illustrations. Reprinted from the Cornhill Magazine. Published by Harper & Brothers.

Mary Lyndsay. A novel. By Lady Emily Ponsonby. Published by Harper & Brothers.

History of the Sioux War and Massacres of 1862 and 1863. By V. D. Heard. Published by Harper & Brothers.

Veronica; or, the Lighthouse Keeper. By the author of Karl Keigler. Published by Loring, Boston. For sale by O. G. Felt, 30 Walker street, New York.

Western Missions and Missionaries. A series of letters, by the Rev. P. J. De Smet. Published by James B. Kirker.

The Rejected Wife. A novel. By Mrs. Ann S. Stephens. Published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia.

The Lost Bank Note and Martyn Ware's Temptation. By Mrs. Henry Wood. Published by Dexter & Hamilton.

Strange Stories of a Detective, or Curiosities of Crime. By a retired member of the detective police. Published by Dick & Fitzgerald.

Clara Hollingbrook, the Beauty of Fairfax, or the Life and Adventures of an Officer in the Union Army during the present war. By Mrs. Sarah A. Wright. Published by H. Doolady.

Neutral Relations of England and the United States. By Charles G. Loring. Published by Appleton & Co.

The Great Stone Book of Nature. By David Thomas Ansted. Published by Geo. W. Childs, Philadelphia. For sale by C. T. Evans, New York.

A Manual of the Direct and Excise Tax System of the United States, with the Decisions and Rulings of the Commissioner. By Geo. S. Boutwell, late Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Published by Little, Brown & Co., Boston. For sale by Charles T. Evans, New York.

MAGAZINES AND REVIEWS.

The Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review.

Westminster Review, American edition. Published by Leonard, Scott & Co.

The Edinburg Review, American edition. Published by Leonard, Scott & Co.

The Continental Monthly, for December.

The Atlantic Monthly, for December.

Harper's Monthly Magazine, for December.

NEW MUSIC.

We have received from Horace Waters & Son the following choice selection of popular airs and musical gems:—

Land of the Brave and Free, by the Rev. G. S. Plumley; The Flowers Bloom in Lyndon Vale, by G. W. Rosenbart; Geo. Gilmore's Grand March, by T. Von Kamcke; Your Fortune is Too Small for Me (comic song), by Maurice; The Year of Love, by Mrs. Parkhurst; The Angels are Hovering Near, by H. W. Adams; Mary Fay, by J. R. Orton; My Wife is a Knowing Woman, and Idylwild Polka Caprice.

William Hall & Son have just published the following beautiful pieces:—

I Cannot Bid Thee Go, my Boy, composed by E. G. B. Holder; serenade, Idol of Beauty, by L. M. Gottschalk, and the Mountaineer's Song, by the same eminent composer.

While My Lady Sleepeth (serenade), from the Spanish, by Lockhart; published by W. A. Pond.

Messrs. Sawyer & Thompson have lately published Mr. E. G. Kurtz's new song and chorus entitled "Star Nightingale."

Philip & Solomon, Washington, D. C., recently issued from their press Frederick Kroell's "Wedding March," dedicated to Miss Kate Chase.

Bounties for Soldiers.

CIRCULAR.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1863.

Pursuant to instructions from the War Department, on and after January 6, 1864, no United States bounty, other than the one hundred dollars authorized by the law of July 22, 1861, promulgated in General Order 49, of that year, will be paid to any soldier enlisting or re-enlisting, veteran volunteer or otherwise.

This order does not affect the bounties paid by States, cities or parties other than the United States. By command of Major General DIX.

D. T. VAN BUREN, Assistant Adjutant General.

WILSON BARSTOW, Captain and A. D. C.

New Line of Freight and Passenger Steamers Between New York, Providence and the East.

We learn that the Neptune Steamship Company, originally organized for the purpose of establishing a daily line of first class freight steamers, of thirteen hundred tons each, between New York and Boston direct, via Cape Cod—having sold to the Navy Department their five steamers, called the Neptune, Glaucus, Galatea, Nereus and Proteus, intended for that line—have recently launched two first class steamers, of fourteen hundred tons each, of the following dimensions:—Two hundred and fifty feet long, forty feet beam, fifty-eight feet extreme breadth and fifteen feet depth of hold, which they intend putting on the long vacated route between New York and Providence about the 1st of April next. These steamers are to be called the Galatea and Electra, and the third steamer, to be called the Oceanus, and to be in all respects like the two just named, is now under contract, and will be ready for the route about the middle of September.

These steamers are to be furnished with fifty first class staterooms, and with accommodations for two hundred passengers. They will have the largest freight capacity of any steamers running through Long Island Sound, and a new feature in the freight arrangement will be that passengers, instead of being obliged to make their way through the narrow and tortuous openings usually left on the freight deck of our Sound steamers, are so completely separated from the freight that from their own observation they will not know that there is a package of freight on board, even if the steamers are loaded to their fullest capacity. These steamers are divided into five water-tight compartments by West's patent bulkheads, either of which compartments may be filled with water without injury or risk to the remaining parts of the vessel. The accommodations, in point of spaciousness and comfort, will be fully equal, considering the number of passengers, to any of the steamers now navigating the sound, and in several other important particulars these steamers will be far superior to any of their predecessors in these waters. First, they are heavier and stronger, and capable of combatting the elements with ease and safety, where any of the present Sound steamers would be compelled to turn back or make a harbor. Second, they are the only passenger steamers having double engines. Third, they are the only passenger steamers carrying sails that would be serviceable in case of accident to machinery. Fourth, they are the only steamers fitted with solid or unbroken watertight bulkheads. Fifth, they are the only Sound passenger steamers that have their boilers under deck, as do all seagoing steamers, thus avoiding the possibility of those frightful accidents from collision which have happened to steamers carrying boilers on the guards, and at the same time insuring to each occupant of a stateroom a clear and unobstructed view, with the further guarantee that light and free ventilation will not be put out of the question by the unsightly wheelhouse, or the no less close proximity of huge, seething boilers directly alongside of the state rooms—objections which every traveller patronizing the present Sound steamers will feelingly appreciate. Sixth, they are the only sound steamers in which a successful attempt has been made to render fireproof the boiler rooms and their surroundings.

Moreover, the saloon, staterooms and cabins will be warmed by steam, and all improvements will be introduced that tend in any way to insure the comfort of passengers.

The steamers of this company will leave New York and Providence daily, at five o'clock P. M., arriving at either terminus of the route at about six o'clock the following morning, giving passengers the benefit of a full and unbroken night's rest. They will be commanded by men of long experience and unquestioned ability.

The company has recently purchased in Providence, for their eastern terminus, the wharf property known as Fox Point, on which extensive improvements in the way of freight houses, &c., will be made during the coming winter, and has leased for a term of years in New York the property at the foot of Robinson street, or rather Park place, on the North river, where they have just commenced building the finest, most substantial and largest wharf in the city, it being six hundred feet long and fifty-five feet wide, with two hundred feet of bulkhead front on West street, from which all freight will be delivered, thus avoiding the jams, delays and annoyances to which all the other lines are subject, as their customers, and particularly their customers' carmen, will bear witness.

In connection with this new enterprise, it may not be out of place to remark that Mr. Williams, the present general agent of the Neptune Steamship Company, was the original projector, and the principal projector, in 1853, of the Commercial line of steamers between New York and Providence, which from that time to the present has been in successful operation and probably transported a larger amount of freight than any other steamboat line out of New York.

The Commercial Company has clung with unaccountable tenacity to the style of steamers with which its line was originally commenced, varying the new boats put on from time to time in no respect except size. The style of vessel adopted by Mr. Williams for the company he now represents is peculiarly his own, differing entirely from anything heretofore built, and promising the most gratifying results as regards capacity, convenience and economy.

Negro Minstrelsy.

WOOD'S, BRYANTS' AND CHRISTY'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

Ideas that are deeply worked into the common mind come out in the common amusements, and have their expression in the fun and fancies of the people. In Scandinavia the fairies are earnest, stout little fellows, not unlike the Scandinavians themselves—hard workers generally—blacksmiths or woodcutters, and sometimes heroes. In Ireland they are frolicsome and mischievous little wretches, compounds of merriment and drollery; and in Italy the fairy is a diminutive monk. Our fairy, it seems, ought to be a little nigger; for our daily life is saturated, soaked through and through with nigger. He comes up in politics, in society, in the churches and everywhere; and it does appear that his swarthy awkwardness, his oddities, his general characteristics, have given form to one of the most favorite of our popular amusements. He is for the nonce our harlequin and our punchinello. Dan Rice sang a "negro melody" at a circus some years ago, and that is given as the origin of our Ethiopian minstrelsy.

But it has grown since then, and now there are in this city three establishments devoted to this particular kind of amusement, and in the full tide of success. Bryants', Wood's and Christy's minstrels give their entertainments in elegant little theatres on Broadway, and have crowded houses every night the year round. Are these establishments successful because the people cannot appreciate the Opera and the drama—the so-called better amusements? No. They are successful because our people, like every other natural people the world over, are fond of fun, and even of sheer, absolute and utter nonsense. Punchinello sets the crowd on a roar in Italy to-day; and the courtly dames and chevaliers of France in the fourteenth century laughed till their sides ached at the spectacle of a poor devil climbing a greased pole to get the coin at the top of it. It is from simple love of nonsense and practical jokes. We love to laugh, and not to have to give a reason for it. And the Ethiopian minstrelsy has grown into an amusement that exactly satisfies this want.

It began by minute and faithful mimicry of the negro; but that is nearly done with. Now it is devoted mainly to fun, but of the most palpable variety. If it indulges in jokes, it favors conundrums less than of yore, and goes to the practical. If anything is broken it is good; if any one is hit it is better; but if any one is knocked down and tremendously pummelled it is beyond all comparison excellent, and the audiences get "red with mirth." Half a dozen palpable jokes are strung into rudimentary farces and have great success. Some of these are in vogue just now at Christy's. One darkey pulls another's nose, and that begins the fun. Injured and indignant, this latter darkey, by way of bravado, requests him to do that again. He does it again and again, to the still greater and greater delight of the audience. Then the injured darkey retires and presently returns with a brickbat in each hand. Better and better. After all the fun of the brickbats is exhausted, the other darkey retires. He returns with a club—there is a fight—and this, with its proper grimaces and exclamations, is an interlude. Another rises to the dignity of such a title as the "Blockade Runners." Darkey No. 1, genteel, in blue coat and brass buttons, has papers of importance, which he leaves in charge of darkey No. 2, not genteel, but sharp. Somebody wants the papers—nobody knows why—but that doesn't matter. Darkey No. 3 sits on them that they may be safe. Darkey No. 3, who wants the papers, enters in the disguise of an Irish apple woman—is discovered in the attempt to pick up the papers and kicked down stairs. Returns in the disguise of a man just run over; and darkey No. 2, in the disguise of a doctor, saws his backbone with a handsaw, and then pounds him well. In the struggle darkey No. 3 is exchanged at the wing for a stuffed manakin, that darkey No. 2 bucks at, rolls over and stamps upon with wonderful emphasis. All this is supremely ridiculous—as foolish certainly as can be—yet it is made intensely laughable by the buffooneries to which it gives rise.

Burlesques upon popular plays are a common part of the entertainment, and furnish a medium of satire of which the most is made. One of these upon the favorite "Dame aux Camelias," or "Camille," is in the full tide of success at Wood's. Armand and Camille are excessively exaggerated, and the camelia is a neatly trimmed white cabbage. The hits of this piece are principally in the tremendous kisses with which the swarthy Camille nearly smothers her sentimental lover, and which are certainly rather sharp on the peculiar manner in which the part of Camille was rendered in this city by a distinguished actress. We would cite the overture at present played at Wood's as an instance of the very high order of music that the minstrels sometimes give, and the flute player in that company as an instrumentalist without a superior in any orchestra in this city.

Minstrelsy has a sentimental phase, too, and chants ballads that have wonderfully little to do with the darkey. Many of the lyrics that won the round of popular favor—whose melodies the boys whistle and the hand-organs play, and the military bands on Broadway start the popular pulse with—started on this with the minstrels, and were "sung with great applause" by some favorite. "Dixie," we believe, has such a history, and it was our good fortune to first hear that spirited air at the Bryants'. The establishment of these pleasant brothers is the one most frequented by "the boys" of this town, and is the one where the best fellowship exists between the company and the audience. High as the hilarity sometimes rises, nobody seems to enjoy the fun more than the minstrels themselves, and the rousing chorus and breakdown that they always have on hand, and which generally closes their entertainment, has half its excellence from the abandon with which the performers seem to "throw themselves away" in it. So it was with "Dixie," and so it is now with the finale to the "Rush in Hall." The "Influence of Mr. Roger's Fiddle," as given at the Bryants', is a charming little interlude, with a rather finer sentiment in it than usual in such interludes. But such pieces, as well as the sentimental ballads, are of course an exceptional and minor part. The boisterous fun is the essential part of the entertainment, and the one upon which it depends for its popularity. To wish success to this class of entertainment is superfluous, but we hope it may be very long before, by any mistaken attempts at refinement, it shall lose its distinctive character, and so pass out of existence.

City Intelligence.

THE PROPOSED MONUMENT TO ROBERT FULTON.—The committee having charge of the task of getting up a suitable monument in memory of Robert Fulton, have selected a site in Trinity church yard, on Broadway, and committed to Mr. Henry K. Brown, the well known sculptor, the honor of preparing the monument. It is to consist of a colossal statue of Fulton in a sitting posture, holding in his hand the model of a steamboat, which he has just finished. Beneath the statue is to be a structure of Portland stone, on which will be figures representing the American rivers and lakes, besides the four quarters of the globe. The whole monument will be over forty feet high.

FIRE IN WALKER STREET.—Between eleven and twelve o'clock last night a fire occurred on third story of building No. 102 Walker street, occupied by H. J. Jamison, a dealer in damaged tea. A hole was burnt in the floor, caused by carelessly depositing coal ashes on it. Damage to building about $100. Some slight damage by water was done to the machine shop of George W. Forman on the second floor. Loss covered by insurance in the St. Mark's Insurance Company.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Aldermen.

[OFFICIAL.]

STATED SESSION—Dec. 24—2 P. M.

Present—Aldermen Henry, Hall, Chipp, Jeremiah and Hardy.

The President being absent at roll call, on motion of Alderman Hall, Alderman Henry was called to the chair.

The roll having been called and a quorum not appearing, the PRESIDENT pro tem. announced that the Board stood adjourned until next Monday, the 28th inst., at one o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

Board of Councilmen.

[OFFICIAL.]

STATED SESSION—Dec. 23—1 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

Present—Morgan Jones, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members, viz:—

Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—21.

In the absence of the President at roll call, Councilman Gross moved that Councilman Webster take the chair.

Which was carried.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman BRICE—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the building of an extension to the house of Engine Company No. 16 of twenty feet, to be the full height of the house; also to make the necessary alterations and fit up the cellar of said house.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Edward Van Ranst for the sum of $108, being in full for carriages furnished by him on the occasion of the funeral of the late Alderman Andre Froment, and charge same to account of city contingencies, or any other unexpended appropriation.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman WEBSTER—

Resolved, That the salary of the First Clerk in the Superintendent of Sanitary Inspection, be, and the same is hereby, increased to the sum of $2,000, to take effect from the 1st day of January, 1864.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman O'BRIEN—

Resolved, That the curb and gutter stones be set and the sidewalks flagged in Twenty-third street, from avenue A to the East river, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman O'BRIEN—

Resolved, That curb and gutter stones be set and the sidewalks flagged in Eighteenth street, from avenue A to the East river, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of George W. Butt and R. Conklin, for the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars, for coaches furnished at the funeral of the late Alderman Froment.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman KEENAN—

Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby, given to C. O'Donnell to exhibit goods in front of his premises, No. 17 Catharine street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman GROSS—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of F. Wannemacher's Fifth regiment band, for eight hundred and eighty-four dollars, in full payment of the annexed bills for music furnished.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman GROSS—

Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby, given to Samuel R. Schulhoefer to erect an awning in front of his premises, No. 2 avenue B, corner of East Houston street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

BILL.

By Councilman BRADY—

Bill of Thomas Lynch, amounting to $10, for fitting up poll of the Ninth Election district of the Seventh ward.

Which was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

REPORT.

The Committee on Streets presented a report in favor of laying crosswalks in First avenue, from Fifty sixth to Sixty first street.

Which was laid over.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bill of Stephen Geoghegan, for fitting up Seventh Election district, Twenty first ward.

(By Board of Aldermen referred to the Comptroller with power.)

Which was concurred in.

Bill of Thomas F. Garon, for fitting up Nineteenth Election district of the Seventeenth ward.

(By Board of Aldermen, referred to the Comptroller, with power.)

Which was concurred in.

Bill of R. E. Murphy, for fitting up Ninth Election district of the Twelfth ward.

(By the Board of Aldermen, referred to the Comptroller with power.)

Which was concurred in.

Bill of Thomas Nolan, for fitting up Ninth district of the Twenty-second ward.

(By Board of Aldermen, referred to the Comptroller with power.)

Which was concurred in.

Petition of E. S. Morris, for relief from assessment, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of E. S. Morris for the sum of $57 60, to be in full payment on assessment for sewer in Seventeenth street, from avenue A to East river, and to take receipt therefor, and charge the amount to account of Donations.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Bill of Patrick Keating, amounting to $20, for furnishing carriages for the use of Colonel Buckingham.

(By Board of Aldermen, ordered to be paid.)

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution, that Henry Brookman and John W. Brookman, owners of the real estate situate between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, East river, be permitted to fill in, erect and build the shoal bulkhead to the exterior bulkhead line, as established by the Harbor Commissioners, and also to erect and build to the exterior river line, so established, the piers at the end of said streets of the usual dimensions, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, at their own expense.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, Murray, McGrath, O'Brien, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—18.

Resolution, that permission be given to Thomas White to receive, deliver and exhibit goods in front of his premises, No. 263 West Thirty-fifth street, provided the same do not interfere with the public thoroughfare, the said permission to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Resolution, that the Harlem Gas Company be and they are hereby directed to place gas lamps on the country road leading from Ninth avenue, at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, to the Institution of the Sacred Heart, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that permission be and the same is hereby given to the Knickerbocker and New York Ice Companies to continue their signs in front of their places of business, numbers four hundred and thirty-two, four hundred and forty and four hundred and forty-two Canal street.

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that permission be given to Francis C. Hall & Company to receive and deliver goods in front of their premises, number two hundred and eighty two Greenwich street, until otherwise ordered by the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that permission be given to Mr. William Eagle to deliver and receive goods in front of his premises, southwest corner of Varick and Vestry streets, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Preamble reciting that a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen December 20, 1860, Board of Councilmen December 24, 1860, and approved by the Mayor December 28, 1860, authorizing the Comptroller to draw his warrant in favor of Thomas Carey, for one hundred and fifty dollars for fifty days excess of inspection fees, and that the Comptroller declines to pay the same, as in his judgment the resolution failed to receive the number of votes designated by the Charter, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Thomas Carey for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being for fifty days excess of inspection fees at three dollars per day, the amount to be taken from the appropriation for City Contingencies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the truck of Hook and Ladder Company number Ten to be rebuilt.

Which was laid over.

Preamble reciting that at the late destructive fire on Seventh avenue, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, Mr. John Brown, Assistant Foreman of Hose Company No. 30, did, in the most generous, noble and daring manner, at the imminent risk of his own life, rescue an infant child and her sister from an upper story, and through flame and smoke bore them safely to the arms of their agonized mother; and that it is proper and right that the Common Council should recognize all such brave acts, not only by commending them as deserving thanks and kindly acknowledgments, in order to produce a generous rivalry on such occasions, but in a more substantial testimonial of their appreciation of the act, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of John Brown for the sum of $250 for his noble conduct, and charge the same to the account of "Donations."

Which was laid over.

Petition of Abraham Depew, for compensation for damages arising from change of grade in Fifty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

(By Board of Aldermen, referred to the Comptroller with power.)

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution, that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for a lot of ground for a location for Hose Company number Thirty-five, to be in the vicinity of Eighteenth street and Seventh avenue.

Which was laid over.

Preamble, stating that William Roach, late Assistant Health Warden, Nineteenth ward, died on the sixth day of November last, leaving his family in destitute circumstances, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to pay to the widow of the said William Roach the salary of said officer, for the months of November and December, 1863.

Which was laid over.

Preamble, reciting that a resolution passed the Board of Councilmen, October 23, 1863, Board of Aldermen December 11, 1862, and was approved by the Mayor December 13, 1862, appropriating five hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing a sword, sash and belt to be presented to Colonel Milton Cogswell, and that the Comptroller has declined to act on such proceedings in consequence of but eleven members of the Board of Aldermen having voted in the affirmative on the adoption of such resolution, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Tiffany & Company for the sum of $500 for purchasing sword, sash and belt, per order from Committee, to be presented to Col. Milton Cogswell, the amount to be taken from the account of City Contingencies.

Which was laid over.

Resolution, that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for a location for Hook and Ladder Company No. 4, said location to be within the following boundaries:—Broadway on the east, Washington street on the west, Cortlandt street on the north, and Cedar street on the south.

Which was laid over.

Resolution, that the Street Commissioner be directed to alter and fit up the premises No. 264 West Seventeenth street, for a temporary location for Engine Company No. 24, at an expense not to exceed $250.

Which was laid over.

Bill of Charles Book and W. S. Lyons, for services rendered in the receiving of various regiments.

(By Board of Aldermen, ordered to be paid.)

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Finance, with resolution, first, that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Edward Cooper, one of the Finance Committee of the Prison Association, for the sum of $2,500, to be applied in aid of the funds of the said Prison Association, the same to be charged to the account of Donations; second, that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of P. Leopold Pearl, President of the St. Joseph Asylum, for the sum of $2,000, as a donation in aid of the funds of the said Asylum, and charge the amount to the account of Donations; third, that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Mrs. Olive M. Dowe, Treasurer of the Union Home School for the education and maintenance of the children of our volunteers, for the sum of $2,000, to be applied in aid of the funds of the said institution, and charge the same to the account of Donations; and fourth, that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Treasurers of the New York Dispensary, the Northern Dispensary, the Eastern Dispensary, the Demilt Dispensary, the Northwestern Dispensary, the New York Homœopathic Dispensary, each for the sum of $1,000, for the half-yearly allowance to the 1st of April, 1864, and that he be further directed to pay to the said Treasurers of the above stated institutions [illegible], as the half yearly donations to the 1st of October, 1863, and that such semi-annual donations are ordered to be continued to the aforesaid institutions regularly on the 1st days of April and October in each year, until otherwise ordered by the Common Council.

Which was laid over.

MOTIONS.

Councilman HAYES moved that the Committee on Streets be discharged from the further consideration of resolution of Board of Aldermen, that permission be, and the same is hereby granted to Frail, Booth & Company, No. 8 Maiden lane, to continue a sign in front of their premises during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was carried.

The resolution was then concurred in.

Councilman O'BRIEN moved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of report of Committee on Sewers of Board of Aldermen in favor of adopting resolution that a sewer, with the necessary basins and culverts, be built in Fifty second street, commencing at the westerly side of Broadway and extending to and connecting with the sewer in Seventh avenue.

Which was carried.

The same was then laid over.

Councilman KEENAN moved to discharge the Committee on Printing and Advertising from the further consideration of bill of the Sunday Times, amounting to three hundred and eighty-two dollars and ninety-nine cents, for advertising for the city.

(By Board of Aldermen, ordered to be paid.)

Which was carried.

The same was then laid over.

Councilman BRICE moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of preamble from Board of Aldermen, reciting that a resolution was duly passed by the Common Council on the 3d day of January, 1863, directing the Comptroller to pay John Jennings $200, but which failed to receive the number of votes which the Comptroller deems necessary to warrant him in paying the same, with resolution directing the Comptroller to draw his warrant for the sum of $200, to be in full for the damages sustained by said Jennings, in consequence of a fire adjoining his premises in Ninety fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was carried.

And the same was laid over.

Bills of Conklin & Butt, amounting to $2,150 for carriages hire.

Which was laid over.

(The President here assumed the chair.)

GENERAL ORDERS.

Report of Committee on Finance of Board of Aldermen, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of David Groesbeck for the sum of two thousand four hundred and sixty dollars, to be in full for extra services rendered in the Auditing Bureau of the Finance Department during the years 1859, 1860, 1861 and 1862, and for the payment of the above sum the amount thereof, viz: two thousand four hundred and sixty dollars, is hereby appropriated.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—19.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen, that the Counsel to the Corporation be authorized to appoint a person of the degree of Counsellor at Law, together with a clerk, to compile a complete digest of all laws and ordinances now in force relating to the government of the city of New York, to be arranged with reference to the several departments and bureaus thereof, and embracing full notes of the decisions of the courts, explanatory of the powers and duties of the city authorities, and that the compensation of the persons appointed pursuant to this resolution be fixed at such sum as the Counsel to the Corporation and the Mayor of the city may deem reasonable and just, and, with the cost of printing and binding one thousand copies of said work, be payable from the sum provided for the contingencies of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—20.

Negative—Councilman Sandford—1.

Bill of Colonel Charles Rome, amounting to two hundred and sixty-one dollars, for music furnished on occasion of the reception of the Tenth and Fifth regiments, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the above named parties for the amount set opposite their names, and charge the same to "City Contingencies."

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—20.

Negative—Councilman Sandford—1.

Report of Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Charles Brune, trustee of the Roman Catholic church of St. Francis Seraph, in Thirty-first street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, for the sum of one thousand and twenty one dollars, the same to be appropriated to the payment of assessments against said church, and charge the same to account of "Donations."

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—21.

Report of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of James H. Nicholson, in behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, for the sum of $3,000, as a donation, in aid of the funds of the Institute of Mercy, corner of Houston and Mulberry streets, the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the account of "Donations."

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—21.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Resolution of the Board of Aldermen that the Comptroller be directed to audit and pay the bills for refreshments furnished to Board of City Canvassers for the year 1863, upon said bills being certified as being correct by the Chairman and Secretary of the said Board of City Canvassers.

Which was concurred in by the following vote—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—20.

Negative—Councilman Sandford—1.

Report of Committee on National Affairs, in favor of concurring with Board of Aldermen in ordering the following bills to be paid, viz:—

Bills of Edward Van Ranst, for furnishing carriages on the following occasions, viz:—

Funeral of Brigadier General Zook	$108 50
Reception of Thirty-sixth regiment New York Volunteers	151 00
Reception of Sixth regiment New York Volunteers	178 00
Funeral of Captain E. C. Shine	100 00
Reception of Thirty-second regiment New York Volunteers	49 00
Reception of Twenty-fifth regiment New York Volunteers	100 00
Funeral of Colonel Hussen	212 00
Reception of Fifteenth regiment New York Volunteers	176 00
Funeral of P. Gallagher, late Sergeant-at-Arms of Board of Aldermen	60 00
Committee on celebration of Washington's Birthday	167 00

Resolution accompanying the last bill, that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Edward Van Ranst, for the sum of $167, for carriage hire on the occasion of the celebration of Washington's birthday, and charge the same to the account of City Contingencies.

Which was lost for want of a sufficient number of votes, as follows, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Haviland, Gaw, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brice, Russell and Joyce—15.

Negative—Councilmen Keenan, Sandford, Jones, Houghtalin, McGrath and Brandon—6.

Subsequently reconsidered and laid over.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen, that the Comptroller be directed to draw warrants in favor of the Clerk, Messengers, Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper of the Board of City Canvassers, as passed by the said Board of Canvassers, the amount so ordered to be paid to be taken from the appropriation for "Elections," or any account having an unexpended balance sufficient to pay the same.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice and Joyce—19.

Negative—Councilmen Sandford and Russell—2.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen, that the salary of the First Auditor in the Finance Department be raised to two thousand five hundred dollars per year, and the Assistant Auditor to one thousand five hundred dollars per year, to take effect the first day of January, 1864.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—21.

Resolution, that the Counsel to the Corporation be directed immediately to discontinue all legal proceedings in the case of Oliver Green against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, and the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the attorney of said Green for the sum of six hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-four cents, in full settlement of said action and claim for balance of salary due and unpaid for services rendered as Complaint and Pay-roll Clerk to the Superintendent of Sanitary Inspection in the City Inspector's Department, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Common Council, and approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1860, and that the said amount be charged to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Which was lost for want of a sufficient number of votes, as follows:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Jones, Webster, Gross, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien and Cook—12.

Negative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—8.

Subsequently reconsidered and laid over.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of concurring with Board of Aldermen in adopting resolution that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for a location for Hook and Ladder Company No. 17, on Tenth avenue, between 137th and 150th streets.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Jones, Webster, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—21.

Resolution that Twenty third street, from Third avenue to the East river, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted, one-half the expense to be charged to the property owners and one half to be paid by the city.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Healy, Keenan, Webster, Gross, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—18.

Negative—Councilman Jones—1.

Resolution that the Clerk of the Board of Councilmen be directed to appoint a suitable person to prepare the official reports of the proceedings of said Board, such appointment to take effect on the 1st of January, 1864, the salary therefor to be one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, to be paid for the present from the appropriation for City Contingencies, and to be provided for in the future under the head of "Salaries—Legislative Department."

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Healey, Keenan, Sandford, Jones, Webster, Gross, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—18.

Report of Committee on Roads of Board of Aldermen, with resolution that One Hundred and Thirty fifth street, from the Eighth to the Fourth avenue, at Harlem river, be opened according to law, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be authorized and directed to take the necessary legal measures to carry into effect the provisions of the resolution.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Healy, Keenan, Sandford, Jones, Webster, Gross, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—18.

Preamble of Board of Aldermen, reciting that a resolution was duly passed by both Boards of the Common Council, and was approved by the Mayor on the 23d day of October, 1862, relieving Patrick Coyle from an assessment of three hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty nine cents, for the work of regulating and grading Eighth avenue from Fifty-seventh to Eighty-second street (which account the Comptroller declines to allow, for the reason that the said resolution received only twelve affirmative votes in the Board of Aldermen), with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Patrick Coyle for the sum of three hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty nine cents, as a donation, to be applied by the said Patrick Coyle in payment of an assessment charged upon his property for the work of regulating and grading the Eighth avenue from Fifty-seventh to Eighty second street, the amount to be charged to account of "Donations."

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Sandford, Webster, Gross, McConnell, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—16.

Negative—Councilman Jones—1.

Councilman KEENAN moved that when the Board adjourn, it do so to meet on Thursday, the 24th instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

Which was carried.

Councilman KEENAN moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT declared that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday, 24th inst., at four o'clock P. M.

JAS. M. SWEENY, Clerk.

STATED SESSION—Dec. 24—4 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment in their Chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

Present—Morgan Jones, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members, viz:—

Councilmen Hayes, Webster, Gross, Repper, Houghtalin, Gaw, Haviland, McGrath, Cook, Brice, Russell and Joyce—12.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, 28th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.

JAMES M. SWEENY, Clerk.

SALES AT AUCTION.

A. C. BAKER & CO. AUCTIONEERS.—Over $18,000 worth of first class Household Furniture, Pianoforte, Paintings, Statuary, &c., at public auction, to-morrow (Saturday), at five story brown stone mansion, No. 46 West Sixteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, sale commencing at 11 o'clock—Bronze and Ormolu Chandeliers, Vases, Parlor Suits, Brocade and Lace Curtains, seven octave Pianoforte, Etageres, Bookcase, Bronze Clocks, Oil Paintings, Bronze and Marble Statuary, Mirrors, Carpets, Hatstand, Buffet, Extension Table, China, Glass and Silver Ware; Table Cutlery, Sofas, Easy Chairs, rosewood Bureaus, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Mattresses, Bedding; also all the Furniture of servants' apartments; also Basement and Kitchen Furniture. Sale peremptory.

AUCTION NOTICE.
WILLIAM IRVING, AUCTIONEER.
MORTGAGE SALE OF THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF A LIVERY STABLE.
CLINTON B. OSGOOD will sell on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 10 o'clock, at 806 West Sixteenth street, near Eighth avenue, under and by virtue of a chattel mortgage, the stock of a livery stable, consisting of
HORSES, SINGLE AND IN PAIRS,
CARRIAGES,
TOP AND NO TOP WAGONS, DOUBLE AND SINGLE HARNESS,
DOUBLE AND SINGLE SLEIGHS,
BELLS, ROBES, BLANKETS, &c.
WILLIAM COOPER, Mortgagee.

J. BOGART, AUCTIONEER.—BY E. & J. BOGART.—Saturday, Dec. 26, at 11 o'clock, at the auction rooms, No. 1 North William street, Household Furniture, consisting of Sofas, Tables, Lounges, Chairs, Easy and Rocking Chairs, in reps; Conversation Chairs, Pier Tables, Cottage Suit, Gas Chandeliers, Brussels, Threeply and Ingrain Carpets; Mirrors, mahogany French Bedsteads, Hair Mattresses, Feather Pillows, Kitchen Furniture, Bar Counters, Oyster Stand, one Business Wagon, &c., &c. Also a lot Woollen Blankets, Shirts and Drawers.

NOTICE—SALE OF THE KENOSHA, ROCKFORD and Rock Island Railroad.—The undersigned, Benjamin Williamson, the trustee of a deed of trust or mortgage, bearing date the 1st day of April, 1857, made by the Kenosha and Rockford Railroad Company, a corporation duly formed according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and the Kenosha and Rockford Railroad Company, a corporation duly formed according to the laws of the State of Illinois; and trustee also of a deed of trust or mortgage bearing date the first day of March, 1860, made by the Kenosha, Rockford and Rock Island Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the States of Wisconsin and Illinois, by the consolidation of the said Kenosha and Rockford Railroad Companies and the Rockford and Mississippi Railroad Company—in execution of the powers in and by the said deeds of trust or mortgage upon him conferred, will sell at public auction, at the Court House in the city of Rockford, in the State of Illinois, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1864, at 2 o'clock P. M. of the said day, the following described property, as an entirety, to wit:—

All and singular the continuous railroad heretofore known as the Kenosha and Rockford Railroad, and now known as a portion of the Kenosha, Rockford and Rock Island Railroad, extending from Kenosha, in the State of Wisconsin, to Rockford, in the State of Illinois, together with all the rights of way, depot, grounds, railways, rails, bridges, fences, stations, station houses and other buildings, and all the lands and hereditaments held or acquired by either of the Kenosha and Rockford Railroad Companies or by the said consolidated company, in connection with the said railroad from Kenosha to Rockford, or relating thereto; and also all the tolls, incomes, rents, issues and profits, and corporate or other franchises of either of the said Kenosha and Rockford Railroad Companies or of said consolidated company connected with the said line of railway from Kenosha to Rockford, or relating thereto; and also all locomotives, engines, tenders, cars of every kind, machinery, machine shops, tools and implements, wood and property connected with the proper equipment, working, operating and conducting of or appurtenant to the aforesaid line of railroad from Kenosha to Rockford. The said sale will not include any lands, lots or other property of the said Kenosha and Rockford Railroad Companies, or of the said consolidated company, which have not been necessarily retained for their said road or roadway from Kenosha to Rockford, or included in their depots or station grounds, or required for the construction, operation, maintenance or convenient use of the same, and which said Kenosha and Rockford Railroad Companies or said consolidated company may have leased or otherwise disposed of.

October 29, 1863. B. WILLIAMSON, Trustee.

TO MARKET GARDENERS AND OTHERS.—JACOB COLE will sell on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the premises, rain or shine, a splendid Farm for market gardening or country seat; contains over five acres; near the Third avenue railroad from Fulton ferry to Fort Hamilton, on the road from Bay Ridge to New Utrecht, the late residence of James Gould, deceased. On the property is a house, barn and outbuildings. The land is under a high state of cultivation, having been used for years as a market garden; four miles from Fort Hamilton ferry. Cars pass every fifteen minutes. Particulars and maps at 309 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

WILLIAM IRVING, AUCTIONEER.—MORTGAGE sale of Horses, Carriages, Wagons, Harness, Sleighs, Bells, Robes, Blankets, &c.—CLINTON B. OSGOOD will sell on December 26, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M., at 306 West Sixteenth street, near Eighth avenue, under and by virtue of a chattel mortgage, the Stock of the Livery Stable, consisting of Horses, Carriages, Wagons, Double and Single Harness, Sleighs, Bells, Robes, Blankets, &c.

DATED, Dec. 21, 1863. WILLIAM COOPER, Mortgagee.

POLITICAL.

DEMOCRATIC UNION ASSOCIATION—HEADQUARTERS, 932 Broadway.—A regular meeting of the Association will be held at the headquarters, on this (Friday) evening, the 25th inst., at eight o'clock.

LUKE F. COZANS, President.

JAMES A. CAROLIN, HENRY W. ALLEN, Secretaries.
SAMUEL W. CAREY, Secretary pro tem.

MUSICAL.

AN ELEGANT SEVEN OCTAVE ROSEWOOD PIANO, at a great bargain; been used two months only; cost $370; price $220. Pianos and Prince & Co.'s Melodeons to let. S. T. GORDON, 538 Broadway.

A MAGNIFICENT SEVEN OCTAVE ROSEWOOD Pianoforte for sale at a sacrifice.—Four round corners, elegantly carved, overstrung bass, full iron plate, made to order and fully guaranteed; been in use seven months; cost $630, for $300, including Stool and Cover. Also, rosewood Drawing Room Suite, cost $350, for $160; Etageres, Bookcase, Mirrors, Paintings, Bronzes, Chamber and Dining Room Furniture en suite. Inquire at 113 West Twenty third street, near Sixth avenue.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS, WITH ALL THE JOYS OF the season, to the patrons of the great Free and Easy, House of Commons, 25 West Houston street. On this gladful anniversary, a day on which friends should meet in joyous conviviality, a grand Matinee will be held in this abode of social amusement, followed by a Concert in the evening, at which the whole of the celebrated troupe of artists connected with the above establishment will assist. Mr. ROBERT SMITH, in returning thanks for the well bestowed patronage of the past year, begs leave to say that he will be at home (day and evening) to ensure comfort and pleasure to all who may pay him a visit.

GREAT WHAT IS IT! FREE MUSEUM HALL,
630 BROADWAY, DOWN STAIRS.
Oh, best of delights in the wide world of care—
The greatest of places to visit—
To sit and converse with the lovely ones there,
And drink whiskey punch in the What Is It?
ADMITTANCE FREE. A. B. BALLARD.
N. B.—Wanted, a few more ladies to attend in the saloon.

THE STRIKES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD PRICE—$3 per day wages—the German fresco painters have, at their last general mass meeting, unanimously resolved not to work any longer with those who do not belong to the association. Excepted from this measure will be those who do not speak the German language, as long as they comply with the resolution adopted by the Fresco Painters' Association. By order. A. A. SCHNEIDER, D. R. SIMMONS, Secretaries.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

DISCHARGED NAVY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN CAN receive their prize money immediately from M. SNYDER, Jr., late of the Treasury Department, No. 39 Nassau st., New York, opposite the Post office.

PRIZE MONEY, PRIZE MONEY.—AT SEAMEN'S Bank, of ——EDWARD BISSELL——Army and Navy Banker, and late Purser U. S. Navy, 271 Broadway, corner Chambers street, New York. DISCHARGED Navy or Army Officers, Seamen or Soldiers, their Widows or Heirs, can be promptly PAID their PRIZE and Bounty MONEYS, Back Pay, Procure Pensions, &c.

PRIZE MONEY.—SEAMEN WHO WERE IN FARRAgut's squadron, or in the Western flotilla, can receive advances at the Seamen's Bank, No. 167 York street, near the Navy Yard gate, Brooklyn.

PRIZE MONEY FOR THE FOLLOWING VESSELS is now being collected and paid at the banking office of WALDEN & WILLARD, 167 York street, Brooklyn:—Alabama, Albatross, Arthur, Adger, Amanda, Augusta, Arizona, Anderson, Blunt, Bohio, Bienville, Eaton, Bainbridge, Brooklyn, Cuyler, Cambridge, J. S. Chambers, Connecticut, Currituck, Chocura, Dale, De Soto, Ethan Allen, Flag, Flambeau, Gem of the Sea, Gemsbok, Harriet Lane, Hatteras, Huron, Huntsville, Hunchback, Itasca, Iroquois, J. Smith, Jamestown, Juniata, Kanawha, Kittatinney, Kingfisher, Keystone State, Lackawanna, Lodona, Magnolia, Massachusetts, Mystic, M. Vassar, Monticello, Mount Vernon, Mercedita, Monge, New London, Niagara, Norwich, New Ironsides, Ohio, Octorara, Ottawa, Owasco, Perry, Paul Jones, Pawnee, Pembina, Pocahontas, Portsmouth, Pursuit, Putnam, Quaker City, Resolute, Restless, R. Seaman, Roanoke, Roebuck, Sam Houston, Santee, Sam Rotan, Santiago de Cuba, Sciota, Sea Foam, Sonoma, South Carolina, S. Knapp, Somerset, Stars and Stripes, St. Lawrence, St. Louis, Susquehanna, Tahoma, Tioga, Unadilla, Union, Vanderbilt, Vandalia, Victoria, Wabash, Wachusetts, Water Witch, Wissahickon, Zouave, &c.

U. S. NAVY PRIZE MONEY OFFICE.
T. L. BRAYNARD, 81 Wall street.

U. S. NAVY CLAIM AGENCY.—OFFICERS AND seamen of the U. S. Navy can have their prize money cashed or collected. Those who have already made application can receive information for their benefit.
F. KOWING,
United States Claims Agent, Seamen's Bank,
Basement 78 Wall street.

WALDEN & WILLARD ARE NOW PAYING PRIZE money for the steamers Anglia and Scotia, captured by the United States bark Restless and gunboat Flag. Apply at 167 York street, Brooklyn.

AMUSEMENTS.

WINTER GARDEN.
GRAND CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.
On
TO-NIGHT (CHRISTMAS NIGHT)
will be presented Tom Taylor's beautiful drama of
THE TICKET OF LEAVE MAN,
the most perfect in its construction, most touching in its interest, and breathing most to all men of peace and good will of any drama that has been presented for years upon the stage.
"The play is so ethical," writes District Attorney A. Oakey Hall in his brilliant criticism, "that I wish the philanthropists of the day, who so shamefully neglect the Prison Aid Society, and who so culpably leave the case of the returned convict to his pals, could see the Ticket of Leave and your acting. The two should run together in this city far beyond New Year, and you should not receive your actor's 'ticket of leave' until every clergyman and boy in the Metropolitan Police district had seen the impersonation of the scenes between Brierly and Willoughby."
Commences at 7½. Carriages may be ordered at 10¼ o'clock.

THEATRE FRANCAIS, NIBLO'S CONCERT SALOON.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1863.
CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCE FOR FAMILIES.
NO RESERVED SEATS.
Fifty cents to all the places of the Theatre.
THREE GRAND SUCCESSES.
"Les 37 Sous de Mr. Montaudoin," Comedy Vaudeville in one act; "La Petite Chanteuse" (Adam), sung by Mlle. Maillet; "Le Feu au Couvent," Comedy, in one act by M. Theodore Barrière; "Le Tigre du Bengale," Folie Vaudeville, by Mr. Labiche.
The following artists will play that evening:—Messrs. Paul Juignet, Ernest Gravier, Edgard, Roche, Donatien, Page, Rousseau; Mmes. Anna Hamberg, Bergeon, Maillet, Donatien, Nathalie Dumas, Graziella and E. Dumas. Doors will be opened at 7¼; the curtain rises at 8 o'clock precisely.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1863,
By general request, the very successful Comedy Vaudeville, in two acts, by Mr. Bayard,
LA FILLE DE L'AVARE,
and first representation of
LES DEUX AVEUGLES, Bouffonnerie musicale by Offenbach. Ticket office at 623 Broadway.

HOWE'S GREAT CIRCUS.
199 and 201 Bowery.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
THREE GRAND PERFORMANCES.
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At 10½ A. M., 2½ and 7½ P. M.
The whole strength of
THE GREAT STAR TROUPE
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WILL APPEAR AT EACH PERFORMANCE.
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MR. CHAS. SHERWOOD
In his original scene of Pete Jenkins.
Highly received with roars of laughter.
MME. VIRGINIA SHERWOOD
In her daring act of horsemanship,
Without saddle or bridle.
COMIC MULES AND TRICK PONIES,
Introduced by the irresistible Clowns
SAM STICKNEY AND JACOB SHOWLES,
and numerous other attractions, the whole forming
THE BEST BILL YET OFFERED.
THE BEST BILL YET OFFERED.
Admission 25 cents; children 15 cents, to day performances only.

CLINTON HALL,
Astor place, between Broadway and Fourth avenue.
PERHAM'S
INVALID SOLDIER
NATIONAL HOME ENTERPRISE.
THE MIRROR OF THE REBELLION,
DEVOTED TO RAISING FUNDS FOR A NATIONAL HOME.
100,000 TICKETS AT ONE DOLLAR EACH.
LIBERAL BOUNTY TO PURCHASERS.
JOSIAH PERHAM, agent for the proprietors, has the honor to announce a plan for creating a fund for the founding of a national institution, to be a home for invalid and disabled discharged soldiers.
The original number of tickets issued for this object was 100,000, one third of which have been already disposed of in Boston, Mass., where the enterprise was first projected.
Each of the one dollar tickets is good for four admissions to the mammoth
MIRROR OF THE REBELLION,
which will be exhibited for this purpose in Clinton Hall every afternoon and evening until further notice.
One half of the profits of the entire sale will be exclusively devoted and donated to the above named patriotic object.
According to the original advertised plan, a mass meeting of the ticket holders was held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, on November 4, and an adjourned meeting, at the same place, on December 16. The following named gentlemen were elected as a Board of Trustees, to receive the funds which may accrue from the novel enterprise, and to appropriate the same to this object, in accordance with the plans of the originator:—General John S. Tyler, Boston; his Excellency Governor James Y. Smith, of Rhode Island; Hon. George Briggs, of New York; his Excellency Governor A. G. Cur-

WALLACK'S.
Doors open at half past seven, overture commences at a quarter to eight; curtain rises at its conclusion.
FRIDAY,
CHRISTMAS NIGHT.
Third time this season of Buckstone's highly popular Comedy, produced with new scenery, new appointments and immensely attractive cast,
MARRIED LIFE,
in which
MRS. JENNINGS
(whose debut has been attended by the most decided success), will make her
THIRD APPEARANCE ON ANY STAGE.
Mr. Lynx .... Mr. Charles Fisher
Mrs. Lynx .... Mrs. Jennings
Mr. Coddle .... Mr. John Gilbert
Mrs. Coddle .... Mrs. Wilkins
Mr. Younghusband .... Mr. W. R. Floyd
Mrs. Younghusband .... Miss Gannon
Mr. Dove .... Mr. Young
Mrs. Dove .... Miss Fanny Morant
Mr. Dismal .... Mr. George Holland
Mrs. Dismal .... Mrs. John Sefton
SATURDAY, seventy-first night of ROSEDALE.
MONDAY, THE LOVE CHASE.
TUESDAY, seventy-second night of ROSEDALE.
WEDNESDAY, MARRIED LIFE.
THURSDAY, seventy-third night of ROSEDALE.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
SURPASSING ATTRACTIONS
FOR THE
POPULAR ENJOYMENT
ON
CHRISTMAS NIGHT.
THE MOST
UNPARALLELED COMBINATION
OF
MIRTH AND MERRIMENT.
The beautiful comedy by Tom Taylor, author of "Ticket of Leave Man," called
STILL WATERS RUN DEEP.
John Mildmay .... Mr. C. W. Clarke
(as originally played by him in this country.)
Mr. Potter (his original part) .... Mr. John Bridgeman
(By permission of P. T. Barnum, Esq.)
Captain Hawksley .... Mr. H. G. Clarke
Mrs. Sternhold (her original part) .... Mrs. France
(By permission of P. T. Barnum, Esq.)
Mrs. Mildmay .... Miss Adele Hyde
With the most fun provoking of dramas,
DON CAESAR DE BAZAN.
Don Caesar de Bazan .... Mr. C. W. Clarke
Marquis de Rotondo .... Mr. J. Bridgeman
Lazarillo .... Miss Henriques
Maritana (the gypsy) .... Miss Louise Hawthorne
Marchioness .... Mrs. France
Soldiers, gypsies, &c., &c., &c.
Musical Director .... G. Braham
Parquet, Balcony and Dress Circle .... 50 cents
Family Circle .... 25 cents
Reserved Seats .... 75 cents
Doors open at half past 6 o'clock. Performance to commence at half past 7. Performance will terminate by 11 o'clock.

BRYANT'S
MECHANICS' HALL, 472 BROADWAY.
Monday, December 21, and every night during the week.
CROWDED HOUSES. IMMENSE SUCCESS OF
THE TAKE IT AND LEAVE MAN.
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The Challenge Dance. The Plantation Brass Band.
Rogers' Dancing Rooms. Two Pinnigan's Wake.
MONSTER CONCERT TIN-PAN-O-NION.
Little Mac's Essence, Nancy Fat, Jackson de Grasse.
THE BUSH IN BALL.
Doors open at 6¾. Curtain rises at 7¾. Tickets 25 cents.

WINTER GARDEN.
SPECIAL NOTICE.—Those who desire to witness an entertainment of unequalled charm and delight, and make truly happy their
CHRISTMAS NIGHT,
should pass it with
MR. AND MRS. W. J. FLORENCE
at the
WINTER GARDEN,
and witness Tom Taylor's beautiful picture of English every day life,
THE TICKET OF LEAVE MAN
which, while full of startling situations and emotional effects, teaches at the same time all those heavenly lessons of charity which belong to the season, and may be characterized as one of
DICKENS' CHRISTMAS STORIES COMPRESSED.

CIRCUS.—BROADWAY AMPHITHEATRE, 485 Broadway.
L. B. Lent .... Manager.
CHRISTMAS DAY
THREE
GOOD PERFORMANCES
will be given, viz:—
IN THE MORNING.
Doors open at 10 o'clock.
IN THE AFTERNOON.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

Rebel Reports of Gen. Averill's Raid in Southwest Virginia.

President Lincoln's Amnesty Proclamation Before the Virginia Legislature.

No Quarter to Negroes Captured in Battle.

Finding of the Court of Inquiry in the Case of General Lovell,

&c., &c., &c.

President Lincoln's Amnesty Proclamation.

The following resolutions were offered in the Virginia House of Delegates by Mr. Hutcheson on Friday last, and referred to the Committee on Confederate Resolutions:—

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, has by various messages and proclamations, endeavored to create the impression upon the civilized world, that the secession of the several States of the South and the organization of the confederacy were acts of those who he styles the leaders of the people, in contradistinction to the people themselves, and was not the free and spontaneous choice of the people; and whereas, in order to carry out this idea he has recently issued his proclamation, in which he endeavors to seduce the patriotic soldiers of our army and the citizens of this ancient commonwealth from their love of country and incite them to the abandonment of those duties which devolve upon them as descendants of the noble and chivalrous ancestry of '76, in the present struggle for national independence and civil and religious liberty. Therefore, we the ...

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General Averill's Raid Into Southwest Virginia.

THE ENEMY AT SALEM, VA.—THE DEPOT BURNED, ETC.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 16, 1863.

A force of the enemy, supposed to number three thousand—cavalry and mounted infantry—under Averill, reached Salem, on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, this morning, at half-past ten o'clock. A train, with troops from this city, approached within sight of the depot, and was fired at. The depot, containing a considerable quantity of produce and the government depot, adjoining, were burning at that time.

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legislature is believed to be under conservative influences, though devoted to the Confederate cause. Gen. Maughier, of Mobile, is in the city, with his staff. Indian depredations on the frontier are frequent and alarming. I learn that the Indians are armed by the Yankees and sent upon the defenceless frontier to lay it waste. The smallpox has made its appearance in this city.

General Walker's division is now on the Mississippi river, pegging away. They have already sunk one transport and burned another. They have also sunk four barges and burned the large transport Black Hawk. Nothing can pass their batteries unless conveyed by ironclads, and even then, we hear of much lamentation on ...

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could be administered would change the direction of that allegiance or of his duties as a citizen. The proposed oath to obey and respect the government and laws of a foreign power, the United States, would be a nullity in the form of conscience." The officer said, "You seem to be an honest old gentleman, and if you will swear that you will reveal nothing that you have heard or seen within our lines that would militate against our interest, you may go." Judge Watson assented to this reasonable proposition. He lost his horse, however, and all his clothing except that on his person, and is said to have reached the centre of Mississippi, on foot, within a shorter time than one of Morgan's men could have made the same distance.

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THE NAVY.

Lieutenant Hawley, the popular executive officer of the receiving ship North Carolina, has been relieved by Lieutenant McDonough.

CAPTAIN BOGGS has been appointed on Admiral Farragut's staff as an inspector of a class of vessels of peculiar construction intended for purposes not prudent to mention.

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Supreme Court.

ASSIGNMENT OF COURTS AND JUDGES FOR THE YEAR 1864.

Pursuant to the twenty-second section of the Code, the Judges of the First Judicial district do hereby appoint the Courts of the Supreme Court and Oyer and Terminer to be held in the city of New York, for the said district, for the year 1864, as follows, viz:—

General terms to be held on the first Mondays of February, May and November, and on the third Monday of ...

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The Battle of Lookout Mountain.

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The Steamer St. George.

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Arrivals and Departures.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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